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DON'T MISS THIS

Drug Story Theater coming

Event is May 5 at middle-high school

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Come one, come all: the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition wants to fill the high school auditorium on May 5th for a free public performance of Drug Story Theater, scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Drug Story Theater is an improvisational theater program for teens who are in the early stages of recovery from drug or alcohol addiction. The actors use performance to share their own true experiences with addiction in hopes that the treatment of one may become the prevention of many.

While middle and high school students will view the program at assemblies during the school day, Safe Harbor Chairwoman Christine Murphy said it's not enough just to show it to the kids.

"We really want to make sure that the parents of the middle and high school students come that evening so they can begin the conversation with their kids," said Murphy.

Along with parents of teens, the coalition has invited seniors, who often have children or

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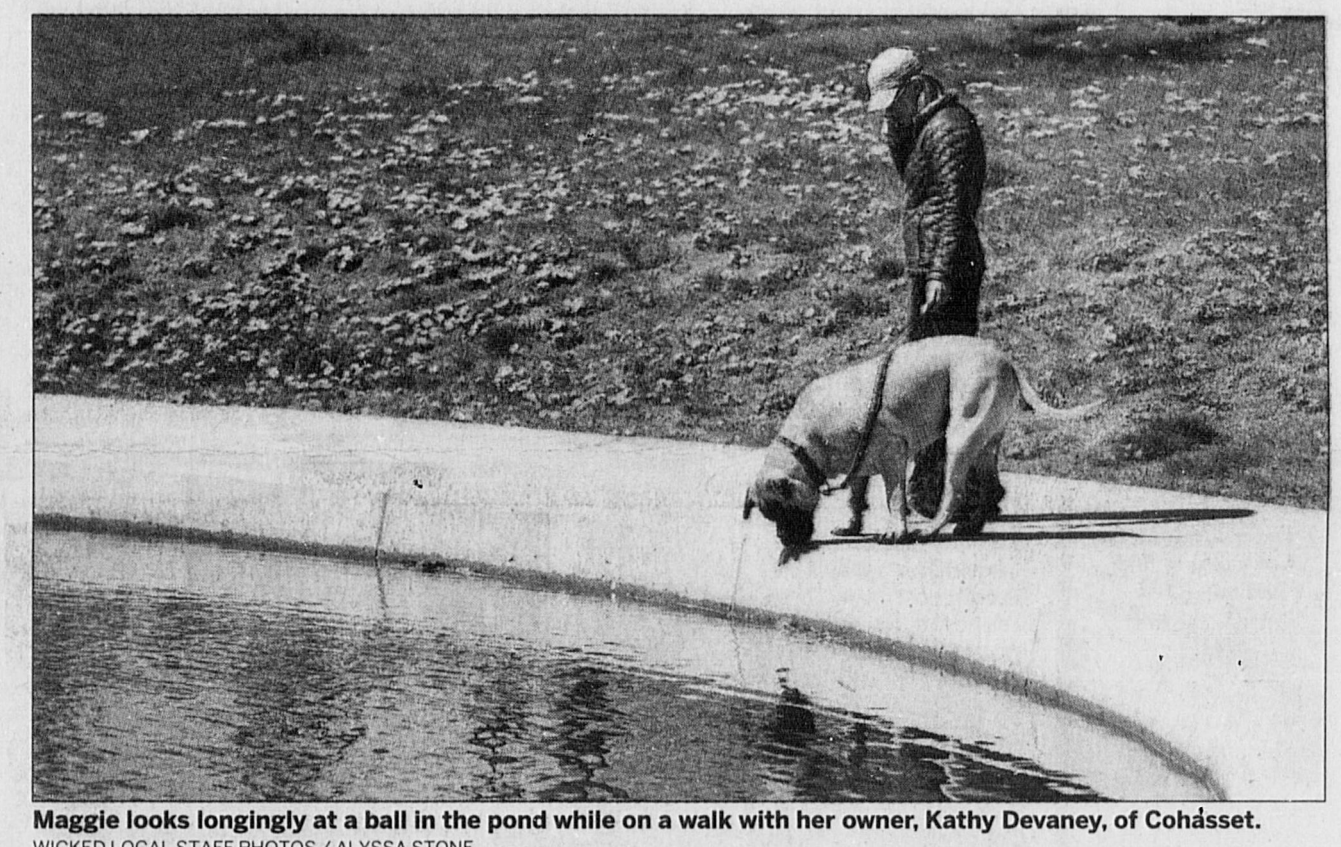
"We are really excited to have the opportunity to host Drug Story Theater in Cohasset and I'm hoping we can pack the house on the 5th."
Police Chief Bill Quigley

Signs of Spring



Maggie looks longingly at a ball in the pond while on a walk with her owner, Kathy Devaney, of Cohasset.
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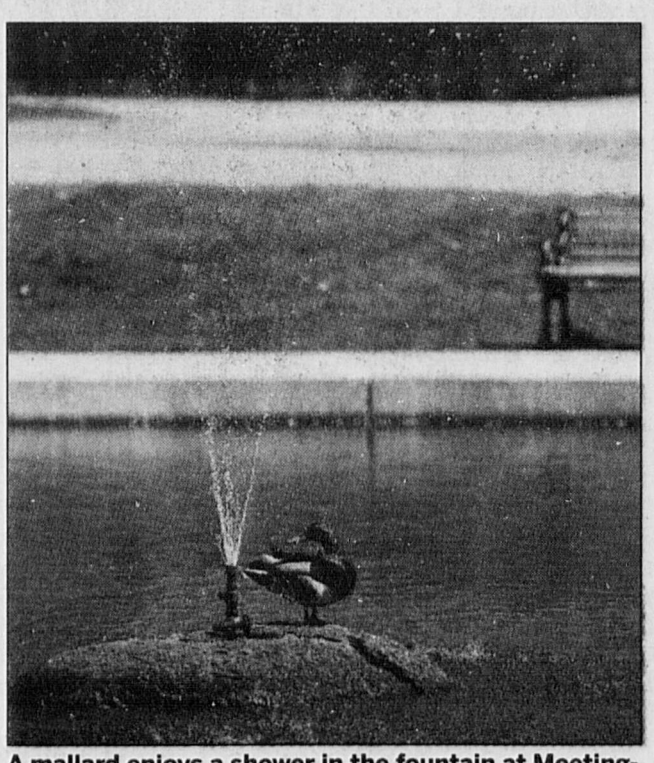

A mallard enjoys a shower in the fountain at Meetinghouse Pond.

Chris Plecs, from Cohasset, teaches his daughter Charlotte, 4, how to ride a bike on Sunday.

GOVERNMENT

Town Meeting Monday

Twenty-four articles on warrant

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Maybe it's been sitting on your kitchen table since last Friday. Maybe it's already in the recycling bin. Or, maybe you've placed it diligently on your nightstand for a bit of bedtime reading.

Wherever it is, chances are you didn't flip open your Annual Town Meeting warrant with quite the same gusto you'd apply to Entertainment Weekly, or even (we humbly hope) your copy of the Cohasset Mariner. Never fear: we've got the Spark Notes version.

This year's warrant comprises 24 articles, including two citizens' petitions.

The first two items are housekeeping. **Article 1** asks voters to accept the Annual Town Report for 2015, which is available from the Town Clerk's office and the Office of the Board of Selectmen. **Article 2** asks voters to accept reports from boards and committees – of which, at the time of printing, there were none. Recommended reports may be given on the Town Meeting floor.

Things will heat up when the meeting gets to **Articles 3 and 4**, which would implement local-options meals and room taxes, respectively. The 0.75 percent meals tax and 4 percent room tax have been on three previous warrants.

Articles 3 and 4 were recommended unanimously by the selectmen and advisory committee, which feel that the small amount of additional revenue could

SEE WARRANT, A11

FINANCES

Bond rating upgrade saves money

By Mary Ford
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It is no secret that when it comes to beauty, most Cohasset residents would give their town an "A" if asked.

And why not? The town's rocky coast, picturesque harbor, quaint village and pristine town common have attracted more than one Hollywood producer to its shores.

In financial circles, the

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AAA rating reflects the town's:

- Very strong economy
- Very strong management
- Strong budgetary performance
- Strong budgetary flexibility
- Very strong liquidity
- Strong debt and contingent liability position
- Strong institutional framework score for Massachusetts municipalities.

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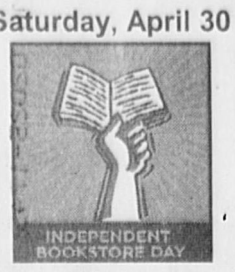

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Joanne P. Keith, D.V.M.

Name: Joanne P. Keith, D.V.M.

Occupation: Veterinarian. Owner of Dr. Jo's Traveling Pet Clinic, a veterinary house call practice serving the South Shore area.

Best day of your life: Any day that I can swim, go kayaking, and spend time with my family.

Best vacation: Normandy Farms Campground in Foxborough, Mass. It makes my whole family happy. My husband loves the yurt, my dogs love the dog park, and I love the pools.

Favorite season: Summer. I love the beaches.

Favorite holiday: Christmas. I love shopping for my friends and family.

Favorite snack: Anything chocolate. My absolute favorite is peppermint bark.

Best magazine: Woman's World. It has recipes, short stories, advice, and travel news.

Best movie: The Shawshank Redemption. I love the scene where the warden realizes that Andy has escaped.

Best TV show: The Big Bang Theory.

Best Music: The Blues .

Pet Peeve: People who complain about a problem, but don't contribute to the solution.

Fun fact: I am a polar bear. I go swimming year round in the ocean.

Goal: To be successful enough to afford private in home care for my mom. She has Alzheimer's disease.

Person I would like to meet: Morgan Freeman.

Biggest worry: Trying to find enough time for my family and friends.

Best part of Cohasset: The Farmers Market on the town common.

Dr. Jo with an enthusiastic patient, Juliet, at the Scituate Animal Shelter. COURTESY PHOTO

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Exploring Your Legacy writing workshop

New location: Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

■ **"Exploring your Legacy" Writing Workshop:** 4 to 6 p.m. May 3-June 14. Facilitator Margot Cheel will help attendees to write their own story. Cost is $105 for the six-week course.

■ **Candidates Forum at Cohasset Café:** 9 a.m. May 9. Meet selectman candidates. Learn about their vision for the community before voting on May 14. Cost is $3 for breakfast.

■ **Mother's Day Luncheon:** noon, May 10. Attendees don't have to be mothers to help celebrate Mothers everywhere. Enjoy entertainment by pianist Adolfo Leung. Cost is a $3 lunch donation.

■ **Fraud and Scam Presentation by Norfolk County Sheriff's Department:** 1 p.m. May 12. Become educated on the latest frauds and scams targeting seniors through the U. S. Mail. Learn about the tools available and steps to take to avoid becoming victim. Yellow Dot Program safety information will be available.

■ **Lyman Estate and Greenhouse Tour/ Waltham:** 9:30 a.m. May 12. Tour is followed by lunch at the Chateau restaurant. Architect Samuel McIntire designed this 1793 mansion in the Federal style. The property contains historic greenhouses, a carriage house and gardener's cottage, and 37-acres of pleasure grounds, gardens and woodlands. Cost is $15 for tours and transportation. Lunch is not included in the cost of tours. Call to reserve a spot.

■ **Author Presentation:** 1:30 a.m. May 18. Eric Jay Dolin, best-selling author of "Leviathan," will discuss his newest book, "Brilliant Beacons," about America's lighthouses, including the beloved Minot's Light. This program is free but donations are accepted.

Lunch schedule and menu

Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: $3.

Tuesday, May 3: Prepared French Memories

Wednesday, May 4: Prepared Launch - Chicken Dinner

Thursday May 5: Volunteer Recognition Event - No lunch at the center

Ongoing programs

■ **Cohasset Café:** Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats provided by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. Cost: $3.

■ **French Conversation:** 10 a.m. Mondays. Looking to improve your French? Informal gatherings for those less-than-expert. Drop in.

■ **Morning Exercise:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. Stretch, strengthening and cardio with Mary Sullivan.

■ **Veterans services hours:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.; Tuesdays, 2 - 6 p.m.

■ **Gentle Yoga,** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Cost: $5.

■ **Mary's Yoga:** Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Class taught by Mary Ernst.

■ **Gentle Chair Yoga:** 1 p.m. Wednesdays. This class focuses on increasing mobility. Cost: $5.

■ **Bridge:** Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Bring your own foursome.

■ **Yoga/Meditation,** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Taught by Amy Dilillo and Jen Willms. Class is half yoga and half meditation. Learn relaxation techniques that can be used any time. Drop-in class. Cost: $5.

■ **Senior Stretch and Conditioning Class:** Thursdays, 10 a.m. Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. Cost per class is $5.

■ **Book Club,** Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.

■ **Zumba Gold:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. Zumba Gold incorporates dance/ fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance.

■ **Knitting:** Fridays from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Drop in. Learners welcome. Cost: $3.

■ **Transportation:** Door-to-door van service to the following: (Out of town trips, $5.00 Round Trip). Minimum 24-hour notice required, first come first serve.

Medical Appointments within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset by appointment. Wheelchair accessible.

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Around Town, Route 3A, Mondays, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Shaws, Tuesdays: 1:00 pm.

Cohasset Train Station, Wednesdays: 9:04 am train inbound. 3:08 return.

Around Town (Downtown Cohasset), Thursdays: 9:30 am-10:30 am.

Stop and Shop, Fridays: 9:30 am.

Walmart/Hanover Mall, 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am.

Trader Joes/Marshalls, 2nd Friday of the month: 9:30 am.

Derby Street Shoppes, 3rd Friday of the month: 9:30 am.

Christmas Tree Shops, 4th Friday of the month: 9:30 am.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

20 Short St. LLC, 20 Short St., two HVAC system/AC condensers/ pressure test, $16,800; Revoir, 13 Haystack Lane, finish existing second floor framed and insulated room/ add two skylights, $10,000; Earon, 55 Gammons Road/ Lot 11, foundation for new single-family home, $15,000; Canney, 353 S. Main St., build 10-by-20 shed in backyard, $10,000; Galecke, 41 Rustic Drive, complete master bath renovation, $30,000; Murphy, 46 Margin St., 21 square feet asphalt roofing, $8,500; Dutton, 45 N. Main St., remodel bath and laundry/ two replacement windows, $13,500;

Mitchell, 264 Forest Ave., kitchen remodel, $24,750; Selha, 67 Ripley Road, enclose existing deck to create a three-season sunroom, $18,000; Toll Brothers, 39 Walnut Hill Lane, new single-family dwelling, $284,720; Toll Brothers, 39 Hemlock Way, new single-family dwelling, $258,240; Sullivan, 25 Red Gate Lane, interior remodel/five new windows, $44,500; Meikelham, 178 S. Main St., 12 square feet asphalt roofing, $4,450; McBride, 198 S. Main St., bath remodel, $14,000;

Granitz Family Trust, 6 Buttonwood Lane, kitchen and bath remodel, $19,000; Curran, 15 Spindrift Lane, redo entrance/add mudroom and bath/extend stairs, $145,000; Diekmann, 63 Wheelwright Farm, six replacement windows, $3,928; Murley, 401 Jerusalem Road, complete interior renovation of existing home, $875,000; Carlson, 3 Gannet Pasture Lane Extension, kitchen remodel, $25,000

Marks, 1 Red Gate Lane, add screened room with shed roof to existing deck, $8,000; Esslinger, 123 Pleasant St., 21-square-foot asphalt roofing, $8,150; MacLeod, 85 Linden Drive, two-story addition/kitchen and bath remodel/siding and roofing, $100,000; Davis, 75 Ripley Road, kitchen and bath remodel/roofing, siding, replacement windows, $80,000

South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

APRI-MAY 2016		HIGH				LOW					
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thursday	28	4:00	9.0	4:39	8.2	10:19	0.5	10:36	1.4	5:42	7:39
Friday	29	4:50	8.9	5:31	8.2	11:10	0.6	11:30	1.3	5:40	7:40
Saturday	30	5:45	8.9	6:26	8.4			12:05	0.5	5:39	7:42
Sunday	01	6:43	9.0	7:23	8.8	12:28	1.1	1:02	0.4	5:37	7:43
Monday	02	7:43	9.2	8:19	9.3	1:28	0.7	1:58	0.1	5:36	7:44
Tuesday	03	8:42	9.6	9:13	9.9	2:27	0.1	2:54	-0.3	5:35	7:45
Wednesday	04	9:40	9.9	10:07	10.5	3:24	-0.5	3:48	-0.7	5:34	7:46
Thursday	05	10:37	10.2	10:59	11.0	4:19	-1.1	4:40	-0.9	5:32	7:47

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions. Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

Safety audit

Cohasset DPW Director Brian Joyce, left, and Cohasset Planning Board Chairman Clark Brewer, second from left, meet with MassDOT traffic engineers and officials at the intersection of Route 3A and Beechwood Street on Monday, April 25. The meeting was part of a Road Safety Audit that was arranged by the town. Police, Fire, and other stakeholders were also present at the meeting to weigh in on proposed safety improvements to the 3A corridor. COURTESY PHOTO

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department was called about this brush fire on Monday off Jerusalem Road. COURTESY PHOTO

Brush fire doused on Jerusalem Road

On Monday April 25, at 11:45 a.m.,Cohasset Engine 2, Engine 1, Squad 1, and Ambulance 2 were dispatched to the area of 703 Jerusalem Road for a reported brush fire.

On arrival of the scene, personnel came upon a permitted outside fire in the rear of 699 Jerusalem Road that had extended into the brush behind the houses on Jerusalem Road.

Members stretched approximately 350 feet of forestry hose from Squad 1 to extinguish the fire. It took approximately 20 minutes for on-the-duty crew to knock down the heavy fire; members remained on scene for an additional hour wetting down and overhauling the area. While units were tied up at the scene, station coverage was paged out and two off-duty members responded back and staffed Engine 3.

UPDATE

Raccoons tested negative for rabies

By Mary Ford
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A litter of baby raccoons found under the shack at Barnes Field on Sunday afternoon (April 17) had to be euthanized and tested for the rabies virus because people had handled them, police said. The tests conducted by the state lab showed the baby raccoons did not have the virus.

A Cohasset woman retrieved the animals and took them to the New England Wildlife Center in Weymouth. The woman, an 8-year-old boy, and as many as eight other people handled the raccoons, officials said.

Rabies is almost always fatal and anyone exposed has to be treated with a vaccine. The only way to test for rabies is by examination of the brain tissue of a dead animal. Raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes are the most common carriers of rabies in the United States.

Rabies virus is spread by contact with the saliva of an infected animal. Transmission is usually through a bite wound, but the disease has been known to spread through a scratch or an existing open wound.

Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy became alerted to the situation when a pediatrician called for information upon learning that the boy had handled them. Complicating the investigation was that it was school vacation week and the boy, who handled the animals, had gone out of state to visit grandparents.

Murphy believes the litter of raccoons was likely being noisy because they were hungry; an officer reported a deceased raccoon near the Little League Fields on N. Main Street during his shift the night before. However, with coyotes and hawks about – the remains of that raccoon which may have been the mother of the litter were gone the next day.

The woman who collected the raccoons told the Mariner the babies had emerged from under the shed and were hanging around next to the players' helmets. She and another caller told the Mariner they were upset at what they felt was lack of prompt response from the Animal Control Officer after several calls to police that weekend.

Police Chief Bill Quigley said there was a breakdown in communication.

"I reviewed how this unfortunate situation unfolded and identified a breakdown in communication between the regional dispatch center, patrol, and the animal control officer," Quigley said. "Everyone was trying to do the right thing, including the citizens that removed the baby raccoons, but messages were not getting to the right people. The net result is new procedures on our end about emergency notifications of the Animal Control Officer."

Murphy said once people had handled the raccoons – there was no choice but to put the animals down.

He explained that staffers at the wildlife center have been vaccinated for the rabies virus.

POLICE BEAT

Two more rear-end crashes to report

By Mary Ford
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No trespass

A local gym notified police that they were not renewing the membership of a 55-year-old Hingham man who was acting strangely and bothering other members and when told he was no longer welcome, he was not taking no for an answer. The Hingham man apparently continued to show up, giving the staff a hard time. The gym called police last week about obtaining a no-trespass order.

Traffic jam

Mass-DOT apparently did not communicate ahead of time with local police about resurfacing parts of Route 3A last week resulting in massive traffic tie-ups in both directions and angry motorists calling local police. There is still resurfacing to complete, so drivers could expect delays in the days ahead. There were detail officers on scene directing traffic but police did not have enough notice to get the word out to motorists about the roadwork.

Rear-end crash

There was a rear-end crash at Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood Street on Wednesday (April 20) around 7:52 a.m. Police said a 2011 Lincoln SUV, operated by a 64-year-old Scituate man, was on Beechwood Street waiting to turn left to head south on CJC Highway. The Lincoln pulled out and then jammed on the brakes because of the speed of oncoming traffic. The 2010 Acura sedan, operated by a 55-year-old Cohasset woman, behind the Lincoln struck the vehicle from behind. There were no citations, no reported injuries and neither vehicle was towed, police said.

MV stop/tow

At 10:48 a.m. on Wednesday (April 20), an officer on patrol stopped a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Schofield Road for having expired plates. A 31-year-old Scituate man, who was unable to renew online at the scene due to outstanding fees, was driving the pickup. The truck was towed and the Scituate man was issued a $105 citation for operating an unregistered motor vehicle. He was given a lift to Dunkin Donuts to arrange a ride.

Harassment

A 64-year-old Cohasset woman contacted police last week to report that she believed she was being harassed by a woman that her boyfriend met at a yoga class and who kept driving by her house. The woman wanted to report the matter and was given direction on how to obtain a harassment prevention order, police said.

Gates malfunction

Last Thursday morning (April 21) around 7 a.m. police were notified that the bells and lights were working at the Pleasant Street grade crossing but the gates were not coming down. An officer went to the scene to direct traffic and the train had to be walked through the grade crossing until the malfunction was repaired.

MV stop/tow

An officer on patrol on S. Main Street on Friday afternoon (April 22) stopped a 2008 Volkswagen Beetle, operated by a 33-year-old Cohasset woman, because the plates had expired. The woman was not able to renew online due to outstanding fees and was issued a $105 citation for operating an unregistered motor vehicle The car was towed.

Out of gas

A 2014 Buick Enclave, operated by a 51-year-old Hingham woman who had two children in the car, ran out of gas on Chief Justice Cushing Highway by Hingham Lumber on Saturday morning (April 23). An officer stood by until AAA arrived, police said.

Window smashed

A 69-year-old Cohasset woman on Hull Street reported on Saturday afternoon (April 23) that the driver's side window of her 2012 Volkswagen Gulf had been smashed out. The car had been parked on the side of the road and it was unclear if someone in a passing car threw something that broke the window.

Property damage

A 39-year-old Cohasset man who lives in a neighborhood off Pond Street reported that the workers at a house across the street had backed out, hit his mailbox valued at $200, and drove off.

Handicap violation

Police issued a $100 fine to a motorist parked illegally in a handicap spot at the Avalon complex on Sunday morning (April 24).

Rear-end crash

At 11:36 a.m. on Sunday (April 24), police responded to a rear-end crash at Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond Street. A 2014 Jeep Compass, operated by a 51-year-old Scituate man, had slowed to turn left onto Pond Street when hit from behind by a 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee, operated by a 30-year-old woman from S. Boston. No one was injured. The Jeep Grand Cherokee had heavy front-end damage and was towed. The S. Boston woman was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

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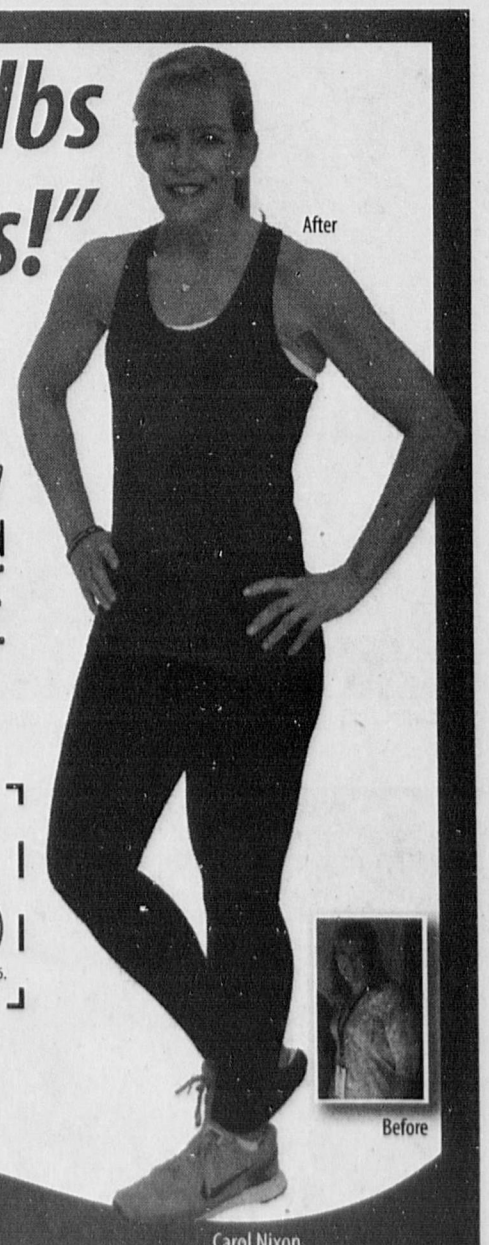

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LEGO CLUB

Natalia Saiz, age 6, from Cohasset peeks over the top shelf where she places her finished Lego set during the weekly meeting of the Lego Club at the Cohasset Library on April 25.

Architects Ahead!

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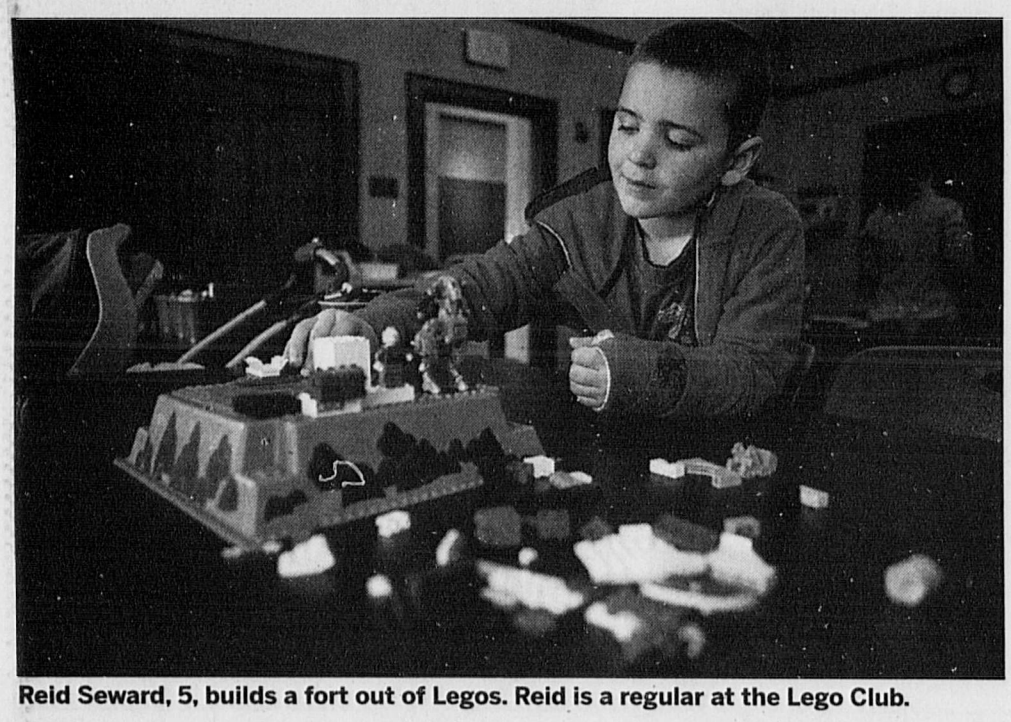
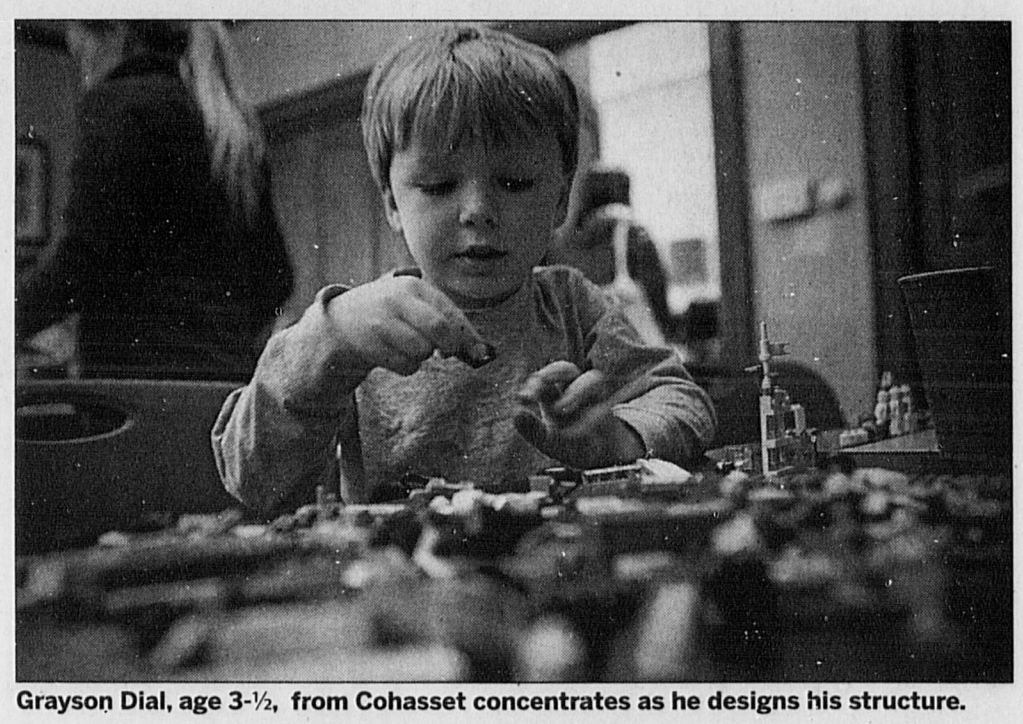
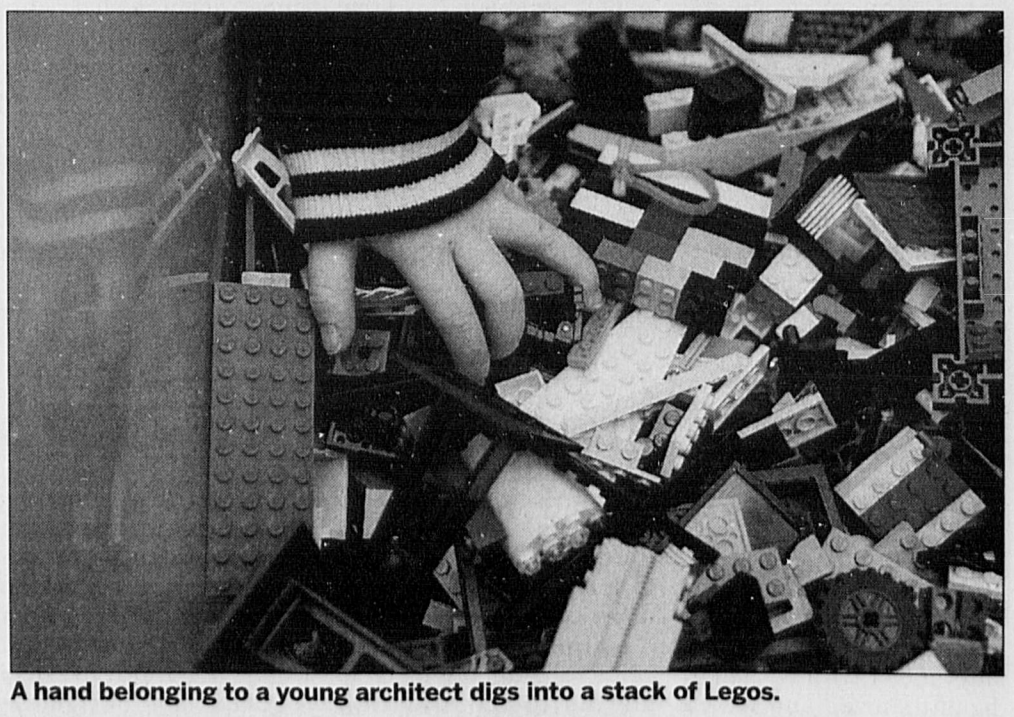


Reid Seward, 5, builds a fort out of Legos. Reid is a regular at the Lego Club.



Grayson Dial, age 3-½, from Cohasset concentrates as he designs his structure.

Natalia Saiz, age 6, from Cohasset puts the finishing touches on her Lego set.



A hand belonging to a young architect digs into a stack of Legos.

Legos are snapped into place as children play at the weekly Lego Club at the Paul Pratt Library.

Laura Saiz, age 10, from Cohasset places the finished piece onto the top of the bookshelf at the weekly Lego Club gathering.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Drug Take-Back Day Saturday

This Saturday, April 30th, Cohasset police as joined forces with the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and Cohasset Safe Harbor Coalition the National Campaign to collect old and unused prescription drugs from residents.

Simply clean out your medicine cabinet, bag the contents, and bring them to the secure/private depository in the Cohasset Police Department lobby located at 62 Elm St., and police will properly dispose of them for you.

Note: Needles are not accepted. Liquids are accepted but should be tightly closed and then sealed inside a zip-loc style bag.

If you cannot make it Saturday, the police department's drug disposal kiosk, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, located inside the police station lobby

The drug kiosk in the police station lobby. COURTESY PHOTO

THEATER

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grandchildren struggling with substance use disorders, and parents with children as young as nine or 10. Murphy said that's not too early to start talking to them about drugs, and the program is appropriate for the younger audience with parent supervision.

"We're trying to seed conversations and get parents talking to them early before kids have any chance to experiment," Murphy said. "We're looking for a wide-ranging and broad audience. We want as many people to attend as possible."

To bring the program to Cohasset, Safe Harbor partnered with school administrators and the Cohasset Education Foundation, which generously provided grant funding for the three presentations to be held throughout the day on May 5th.

Lifesaving Narcan training will also be offered in a private setting, and the young performers will field questions from the audience after the presentation.

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to host Drug Story Theater in Cohasset and I'm hoping we can pack the house on the 5th," said Police Chief Bill Quigley. "Chris Murphy and the Cohasset Safe Harbor Coalition have worked extremely hard to bring this great program here."

As much as Cohasset might like to believe that youth substance abuse isn't a problem here, the data says otherwise.

A "Communities that Care" survey conducted last spring showed that alcohol and marijuana use among Cohasset teens is double the national average, and 7 percent of seniors have even experimented with prescription drugs – mostly Adderall, a medication for Attention Deficit Disorder.

That's because, between ninth and 10th grade, there's a drop in students' perception of how dangerous drugs and alcohol are and how much trouble they'll get in with parents or peers for trying them.

Quigley said the town has seen a marked increase in teen alcohol parties. Police cruisers have been stocked with Narcan, the overdose reversal drug, which can be administered via nasal inhaler – and it has already saved lives in the community.

As teen substance abuse rises, so have the number of substance-related incidents reported by the school in the past year, and so have the number of students seeking counseling for anxiety, stress, depression and self-worth. Emotional disability diagnoses are up. Crisis center referrals are up. Making yoga and meditation accessible to students has done little to stem the tide.

That's why Safe Harbor has been working tirelessly since November to bring Drug Story Theater to town. Murphy attended the presentation when it was hosted in Duxbury last fall, and that's when she knew that Cohasset's youth needed to see this.

"You could hear a pin drop," said Murphy.

Drug Story Theater was first performed in 2015 in Plymouth. It has also come to Marshfield, Hull, and Hingham. The presentation includes the stories of five teens and two parents.

It all started with Dr. Joe Shrand, a Marshfield resident and medical director of CASTLE (Clean And Sober Teens Living Empowered), a short-term treatment facility in Brockton. Shrand realized that school assemblies about drug abuse presented by adults to kids just weren't working.

Drug Story Theater's innovative approach integrates current knowledge of adolescent brain development into all stages of the program: from therapeutic group sessions, improvisational exercises, and family involvement, to story development, script writing, rehearsing, and performing the teen's own stories in front of live audiences.

Shrand, who is also an instructor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and an assistant child psychiatrist at Mass General, reminds parents that teen's brains are malleable. Youth who start using alcohol or drugs before the age of 18 have a one-in-four chance of becoming addicted.

Citing the Communities that Care survey, Murphy said, "Parental disapproval is the number one reason for kids to not do drugs. We have to educate the parents about the effects of marijuana and alcohol on the developing brain."

Drug Story Theater will be at Cohasset High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on May 5th. Questions or concerns? Contact Chris Murphy at Christine.murphy02025@gmail.com or 339-235-6135; Middle-High School Principal Carolyn Connolly at cconnolly@cohassetk12.org; or Assistant Principal Brian Scott at bscott@cohassetk12.org. The phone number for the high school is 781-383-6100.

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AUTHOR TALKS

Noir fiction authors featured Sunday

By Marylou Lawrence
Special to the Mariner

Historical noir fiction doesn't get any better than when your own city provides the setting. Douglas Purdy and Thomas O'Malley, authors of "Serpents in the Cold" and "We Were Kings," have done their research. Their rendering of place, culture, character, setting -- 1950s Boston -- is both seductive and authentic. They will speak about their collaborative novels at Sunday AuthorTalks at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on May 1 at 4 p.m.

Seventy years ago, Boston was a grim, crime-ridden city. In "Serpents in the Cold," a horrific serial murder of young women reveal the urban blight of Scollay Square flophouses, strip joints, seedy bars, the three-deckers of Dorchester, the brawling North End, and the dirty politics of Beacon Hill as Boston's potential for development dawns on a number of twisted minds.

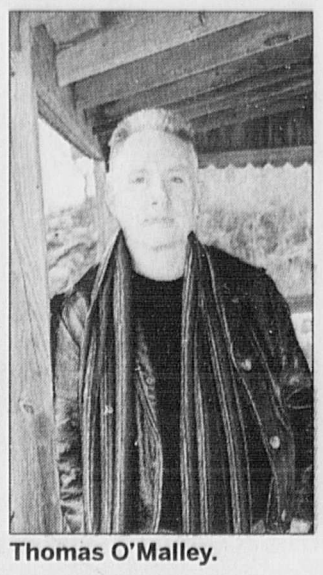
The "New York Times" review of "Serpents" calls it noir fiction at its best, "a bone-crunching, gut-wrenching novel that captures the atmosphere of a city in decay as well as a cast of damaged characters...brutally realistic."

In its sequel, "We Were Kings," due out in June, the Irish civil war of Republicans and Royalists plays out in a series of gangland style murders in Boston Harbor. The unforgettable central characters of Dante, a scarred WWII vet and ex-cop, and Cal, a heroin addict struggling to reform, hold both narratives together.

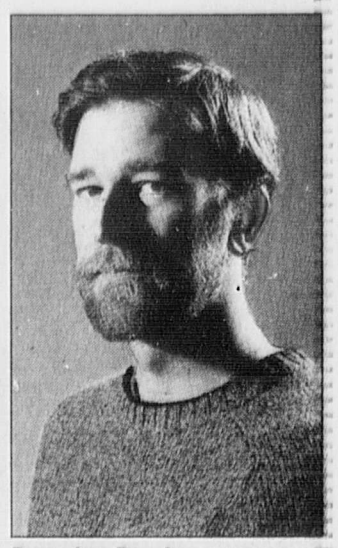
These two works are the first collaborations of the authors. Douglas Purdy is currently working on a collection of horror short stories and a dark crime comedy called "Scumbag." When not writing he's a DJ on 8tracks.com where he creates jazz, electronic and ambient mixes. Thomas O'Malley wrote the award-winning "Magnificent Desolation" and "In the Provence of Saints," which was named one of the best novels of 2005 by Booklist and the New York Public Library. During off hours he teaches creative writing at Dartmouth College.

A wine and cheese reception will follow their talk and Buttonwood Books will have "Serpents in The Cold" available for purchase and signing.

—Sunday AuthorTalks is sponsored by Dean and Hamilton Realtors, A Taste for Wine and Spirits, and the Goodale Insurance Company. For more information call the library at 383-1348 or visit online cohassetlibrary.org.



Thomas O'Malley.



Douglas Purdy. COURTESY PHOTOS

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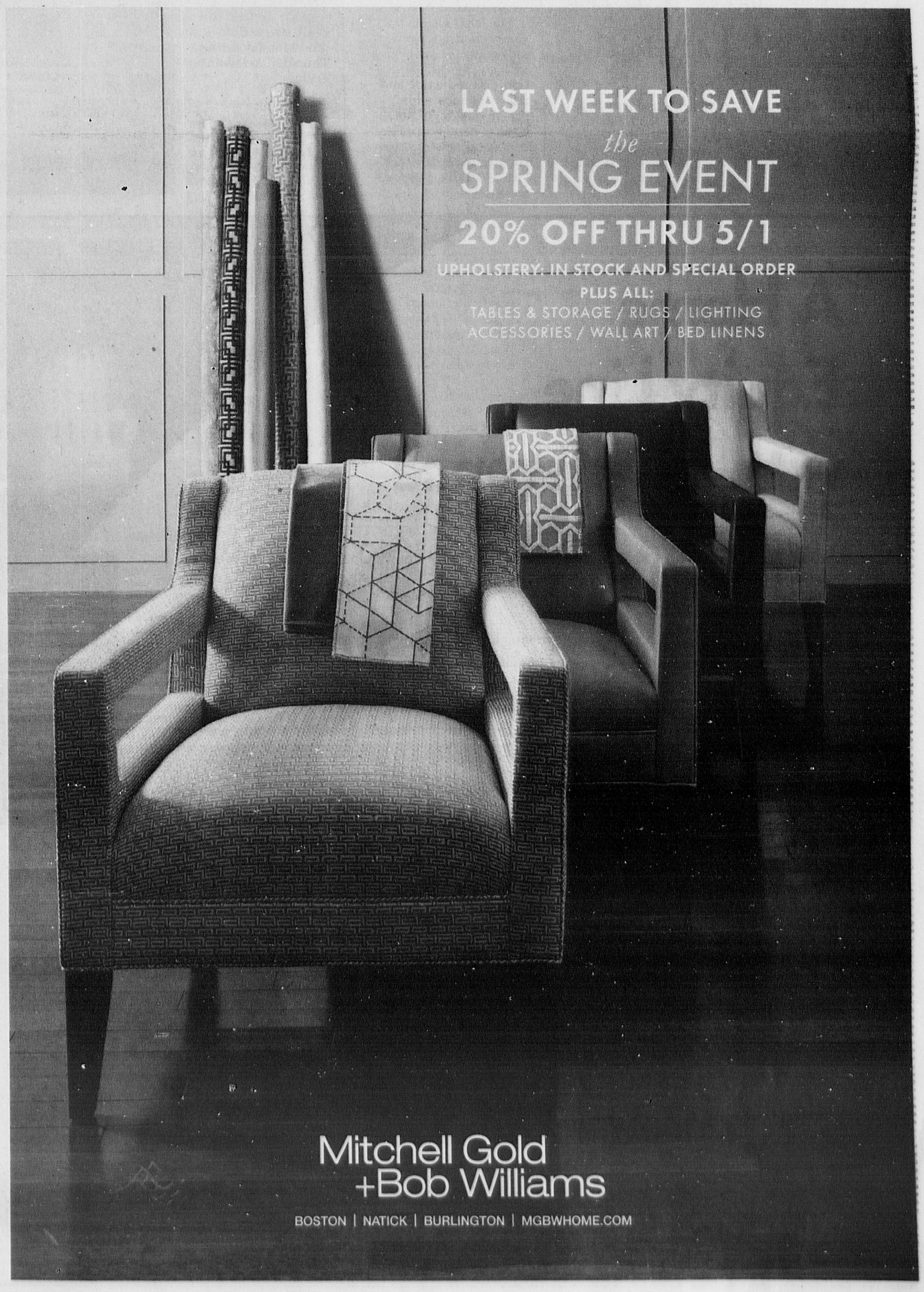


DOG TALES

Noel loves his walks and sniffing out critters. Courtesy Photo by Rich McSweeney

Noel is a cute senior cocker spaniel

I have been told that I am very affectionate and sweet. The right owners will like having me around.

Hello to everyone. I am Noel, a 10-year-old cocker spaniel. They tell me that once upon a time we Cockers were America's dog of choice, so there must have been a reason.

I do love my walks, during which I do love to sniff out critters. I am quite protective of my food and toys, so it would be best for you to have a household in which the youngest person is about 16.

I will hang out with other dogs and cats, but I'm not actually going to play with them. That said, I have been told that I am very affectionate and sweet. The right owners will like having me around.

Interested? Email at Info@scituateanimalshelter.org or call 781-544-4533

As told to Bob Ryan, Boston Globe columnist emeritus and ESPN commentator.

SAVE THE DATE

Derby Day Pizza Party at Legion

Come and wear your Derby Hats for the Kentucky Derby Pizza Party on May 7 sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary at the Cohasset Legion Hall, 98 Summer St.

Race tickets are being sold starting at 5 p.m. with pizza and festivities starting at 5:30. Race time is 6:34 p.m.! Stop on by, enjoy a Mint Julep or two and have a great time cheering on your favorites with friends!

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

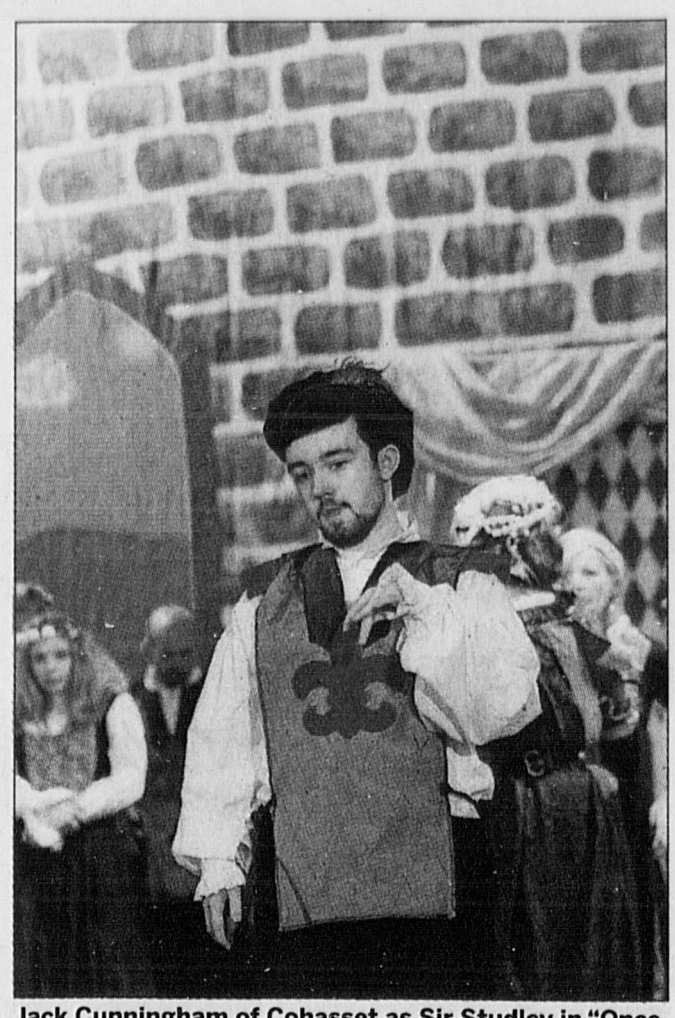
1 ON STAGE: Hingham Civic Music Theatre 's production of the Broadway musical comedy "Once Upon A Mattress" continues this weekend at 7:30 p.m. April 29 and 30, and 2 p.m. May 1 at the Sanborn Auditorium, 210 Central St., Hingham. The play is based on the book "The Princess and the Pea." Cast members are from all over the South Shore. Supporting roles include: Jack Cunningham and Nora Cunningham, of Cohasset. Tickets are $20 per person; $15 per person for groups of 10 or more, prepaid. To purchase: hcmtmattress.bpt.me.

2 CONCERT: Join renowned concert pianist XiXi Zhou in a Celebration of Spring with selections from Gershwin, Gospel and Classical at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 1 at Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue. $20.

3 CLEANUP: Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) needs volunteers for spring cleanup on Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m. to noon starting at Wadleigh Park, at intersection of Forest Ave and Jerusalem Road across from Black Rock Beach. Will clear winter storm debris from along the shorelines of Black Rock Beach, Straits Pond and the Weir River Estuary Trash bags, a dump truck and dumpster provided. Work gloves, long pants and long sleeves strongly suggested.

4 BRUSH CHIPPING DAY: Residential Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on Saturday, April 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. No trees over 10 inches in diameter. No stumps, firewood, briars or weeds. No contractors.

5 OPEN HOUSE: Come and explore the Cohasset Community Campus from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 30 that includes Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.; Cohasset Veterans Services, 91 Sohier St.; Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road; and Cohasset Recreation, 100 Sohier St. Food, fun and an opportunity to learn about programs and resources offered.



Jack Cunningham of Cohasset as Sir Studley in "Once Upon a Mattress" on stage at Hingham Town Hall.
WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

SELF-DEFENSE

RAD class starts next week

Cohasset Police Officer Jay St. Ives is teaching RAD (Rape Agression Defense) classes at the Cohasset Rec., for four weeks starting May 4.

The RAD system is a comprehensive, women-only course wthat begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basic of hands-on defense trianing. Register at www.cohassetrec.com or call 781-383-4109. $44 for 4 week-class.

NOTICE

Cohasset real estate taxes due

Cohasset real estate taxes are due May 2. Please note that two bills are mailed together. USPS postmarks are not accepted.

The treasurer's office at Town Hall closes at 1 p.m., Fridays. Last pickup at the Town Hall drop box is 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon on Fridays.

Checks can be dropped off at the Town Hall drop box.
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LOCAL GEM

Giving people a hand up

Wellspring now serves clients in 19 towns

By Gail Besse Ryberg
correspondent

Over the past 30 years, Wellspring Multi-Service Center has morphed from a small storefront thrift shop in Hull to a block-long multi-service center that helps clients in 19 neighboring towns.

From its newly enlarged office, 22 staffers and 140 volunteers address the problems of people in financial, physical or emotional need.

People in need like the elderly woman who would not leave her apartment because she had no teeth.

Or the 15-year-old high school dropout who was homeless for three years and believed she'd "just be a loser" her whole life.

Today, with the help of Elder Services Director Margaret Mellon, that older woman has teeth and holds a job.

And the former high school dropout, now 21, is completing her GED at Wellspring's Community Learning Center. Malissa Blossom has interned with two businesses and she now manages PrintWell, Wellspring's print shop.

"I love this place," Blossom said. "This was the one place that never gave up on me."

"We watched Malissa become a different person," said Monica McKenney, director of development. "In the past two years she has just soared."

With help from Youth Services Director Mary Maynard and others, Blossom now has childcare for her 4-year-old son Scott and they live in a nearby apartment. "Mary made me realize I had to be the one to make up my own mind to change" Blossom said.

These clients are among the 2,200 others and their families who benefit yearly from the center.

It offers support and skills — "a hand up, not a handout to those in need." The goal is to enable people to become independent and self-sufficient.

The number of clients has multiplied since the late Reverend Diane Edson founded the original thrift shop and emergency food pantry. Her husband, the Rev. Robert Edson of Hingham, is now president of the board of directors.

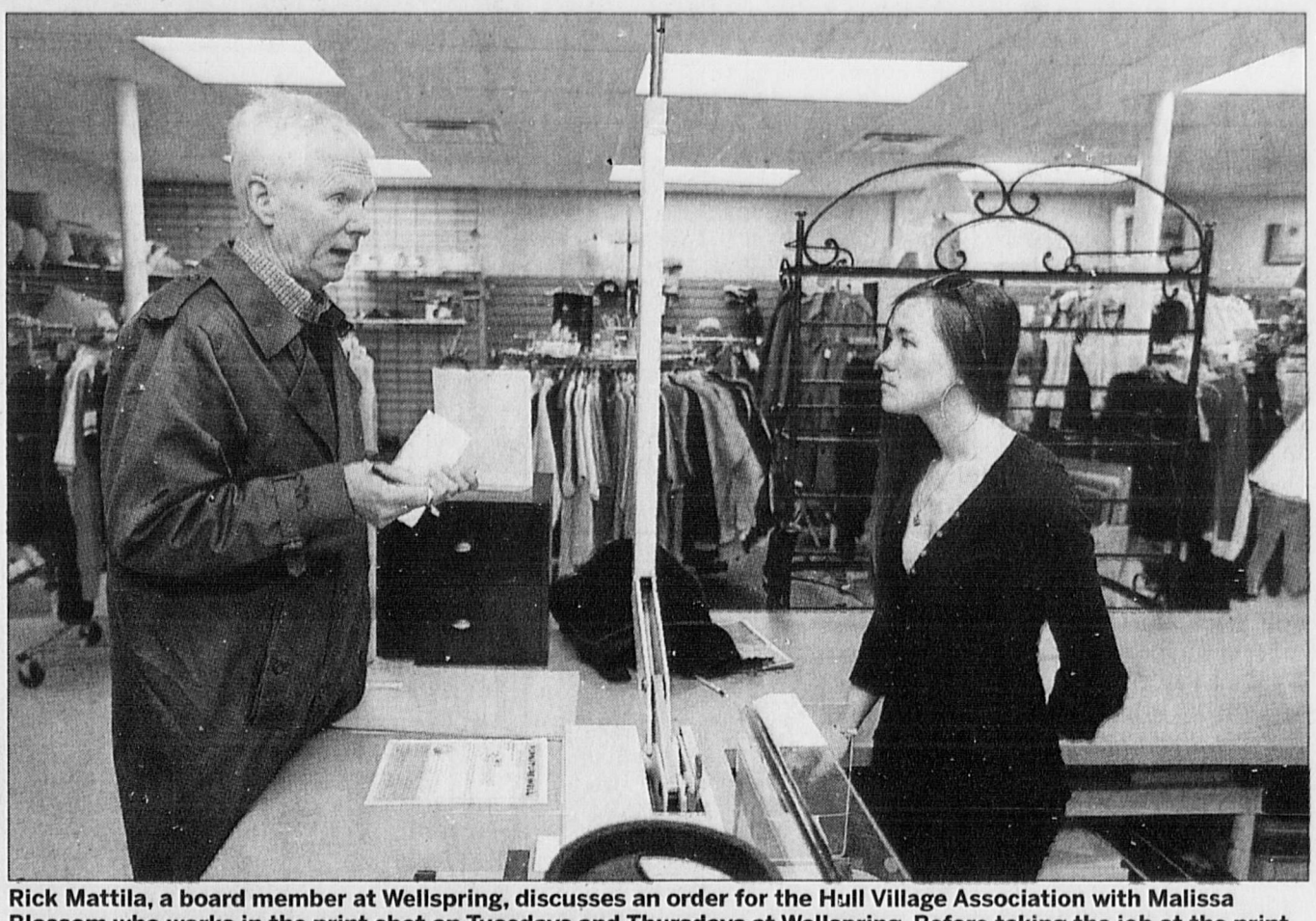
Executive Director Vinny Harte explained that expanded space and services were needed and added over the years. In 1987 Wellspring helped about 250 clients; in 1997 it was 400.

In 2002 Wellspring purchased the building it had rented at 814 Nantasket Avenue. In 2007 it could service nearly 1500 clients.

Because by 2012 it had about 1,740 clients, fundraising began anew. Its 2013 capital campaign flyer stated: "Most Wellspring clients struggle with more than one serious life challenge, so our ability to address interconnected needs is crucial."

To kick off that campaign, the board of directors pledged $181,000 to purchase and raze an adjoining house, Harte said. This allowed the center to renovate and expand its space from 5,000 to 7,600 square feet.

Now the results of this just completed $1.3 million construction-renovation project are evident.



Rick Mattila, a board member at Wellspring, discusses an order for the Hull Village Association with Malissa Blossom who works in the print shot on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Wellspring. Before taking the job at the print stop, her social anxiety prevented her from interacting with people and even ordering a coffee at Dunkin Donuts because she felt so judged while growing up. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

Malissa Blossom shares a loving moment with her son, Scott Brunke Jr., 4, in her home in Hull.
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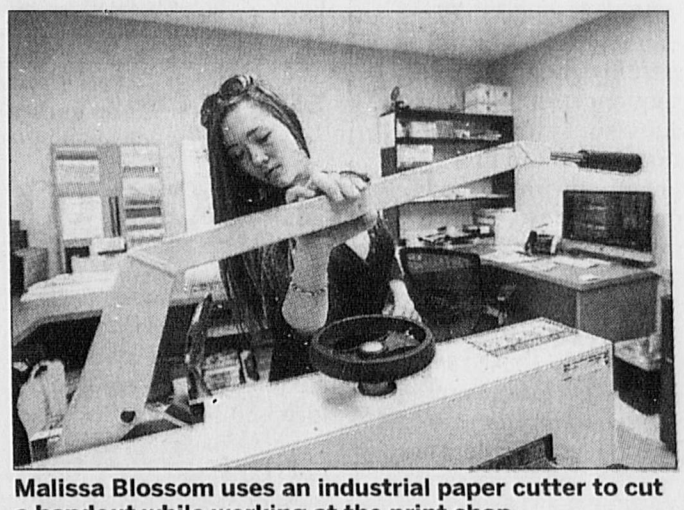

Malissa Blossom uses an industrial paper cutter to cut a handout while working at the print shop.
WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

Red, blue and yellow awnings mark the doors to the building's three wings. Its 24 rooms are accessible to each other from inside, but the design – done by Strekalovsky Architecture Inc. of Hingham – also ensures privacy for clients.

A receptionist greets those entering the center door under the blue awning. Nearby there's a waiting area and a large meeting room with a polished cherrywood conference table donated by a local business.

Harte said the conference room provides a much-needed public gathering space for local groups and is free to non-profits.

Across the hall are small private soundproof offices for elder services, legal aid, an operations director and community outreach counselor.

A door between the offices opens to the left into the food pantry waiting room, furnished with a cozy couch and comfortable chairs. Toward the rear of the building, the pantry itself — now called Aunt Dot's Kitchen — is set up so clients can shop: choosing just those foods they need and will enjoy.

A grant from Project Bread enables the pantry to get regular donations from the Greater Boston Food Bank, and local churches also pitch in.

Fresh vegetables and herbs will be added this summer. They'll be planted in raised beds outside the building with the help of Judy's Garden, a collaboration with Jon Belber of Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset.

"We really urge people to use the food pantry," McKenney said. "Not spending money on food will help them save for other necessities like gas and rent."

A door from the food pantry opens into the left wing: a large retail space for the thrift shop, which offers clothing, books, household items, jewelry and toys.

This year the shop is selling furniture that can be picked up in the center's new donated van, which also helps with food delivery for shut-ins. Its Ticket to Ride program connects transit dependent clients as well.

Nestled in a corner of the retail space is the print shop, which does work inexpensively for local customers and non-profits.

The center's new addition is in the right-hand wing. This houses two offices, a community room, a large computer lab and a roomy classroom. Job skills, employment counseling and education courses are offered.

When she's not in the print shop, Blossom said, she's often taking classes there. "Math was always my worst subject," she recalled. "At first I went up to the teacher in tears saying I just can't do this, but he helped me with it. I went up four grade levels in one month.

"Now I actually do math to relieve my anxiety," she said with a laugh. "Wellspring has helped me all around – with school, housing, anxiety, childcare – what to do with my life. Just having a job has been a big thing for me."

Transformed lives like Blossom's and those of numerous other clients are supporters' inspiration.

Paul Taylor of Hingham, retired senior vice president of South Shore Hospital, is Wellspring's vice chairman of the board.

Current and former Cohasset board members and long-time supporters include Jane and Pete Goedecke, Rob and Susan Spofford, Janna Oddleifson, Marita Carpenter, Joan Kovach and Motoko and Gordon Deane.

Current staff members from Cohasset include McKenney, Julie Rafferty, Catherine Davis, Mary Sease and Pat Martin.

Taylor said he was drawn to Wellspring because it helps those who are challenged and "it does amazing work and it's highly efficient with every cent." He stressed that there are volunteer opportunities available for anyone who wants to lend a helping hand at any level of participation.

"I believe that anyone blessed with a good life should at least press the "down" button on the elevator of life so that others not as fortunate can move upward," he said.

Snapshot

What: Wellspring is a private, 501(c)3, multi-service organization located in Hull. Its programs help people become independent and productive members of the community.
For more information: Contact: Director of Development & Advancement Monica McKenney at 781-925-3211 Ext. 119.
Website: wellspringhull.org
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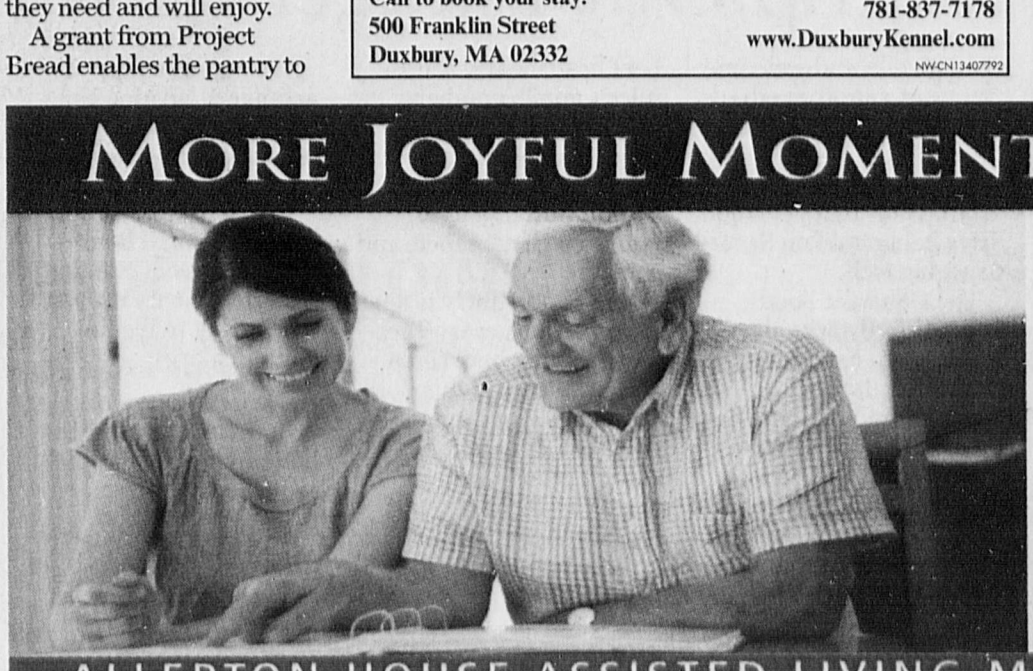

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OPINION

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OUR VIEW

Community Lights

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we are bringing back a column that we ran years ago, dubbed Community Lights, that is a compilation of local volunteer opportunities. Local organizations should email editor Mary Ford at mford@wickedlocal.com with details of their volunteer opportunities and contact information.

Here are some Community Lights opportunities:

■ Veterans Services Officer Vincent Fountaine is looking for volunteers to assist him in replacing the American flags on the gravesites of veterans buried at Woodside Cemetery. Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7, at the MBTA-Greenbush station next to Woodside. About 500 veterans are buried at Woodside. For information, Fountaine can be reached at 781-635-4407.

■ The Straits Pond Watershed Association spring cleanup Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m. to noon starting at Wadleigh Park, located at the intersection of Forest Ave and Jerusalem Road across from Cohasset's Black Rock Beach. Volunteers will clear winter storm debris from along the shorelines of Black Rock Beach, Straits Pond and the Weir River Estuary. Trash bags, a dump truck and dumpster will be provided. Work gloves, long pants and long sleeves suggested. Visit www.straitspond.org. Complimentary picnic follows.

■ Hull Seaside Animal Rescue needs people who can provide foster care. Foster parents house, feed and care for kittens and mother cats. This commitment can range from 8 weeks to 3-4 months. Call or email shelter manager, Scott, at 781-925-3121 or hsar@verizon.net

■ The Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS), a small national nonprofit, based in Cohasset, is looking for the following part-time volunteers: processing assistant, office assistant, social media assistant and grant writer. CAPS protects companion animals from cruelty in pet shops and puppy/kitten mills. Contact: caps@caps-web.org or call 339-309-0272.

■ Holly Hill Farm has volunteer opportunities that include helping to prepare crops for the Farm Stand and Cohasset Farmer's Market. Join the Farm Family and reap the benefits of just a few hours spent at a local organic farm each week! Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road: hollyhillfarm.org; 781-383-6565

■ Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition is looking for new members. SHCC is a group of dedicated volunteers working to educate students and parents about the consequences of misusing substances like alcohol, marijuana and non-personally prescribed drugs. For more information email Christine Murphy at Christine.murphy02025@gmail.com. Or contact Christine at 339-235-6135.

■ FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) volunteers provide rides to Cohasset seniors for out-of-town appointments using personal vehicles. Trips are beyond Cohasset and serve locations for which taking public transportation is not available. Rides are Monday-Friday for appointments that are scheduled between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Typically, a FISH driver commits to one or two scheduled days per month. Contact CEA transportation staff at 781-383-9112.

■ Check out the Cohasset Talent Bank on page 25 of the Town of Cohasset Warrant, which was mailed to every household in preparation for the May 2 Town Meeting. There are myriad opportunities to volunteer on government committees ranging from affordable housing to recycling. Call the Town Manager's Office at 781-383-4105 for more information or visit: cohasset-ma.org.

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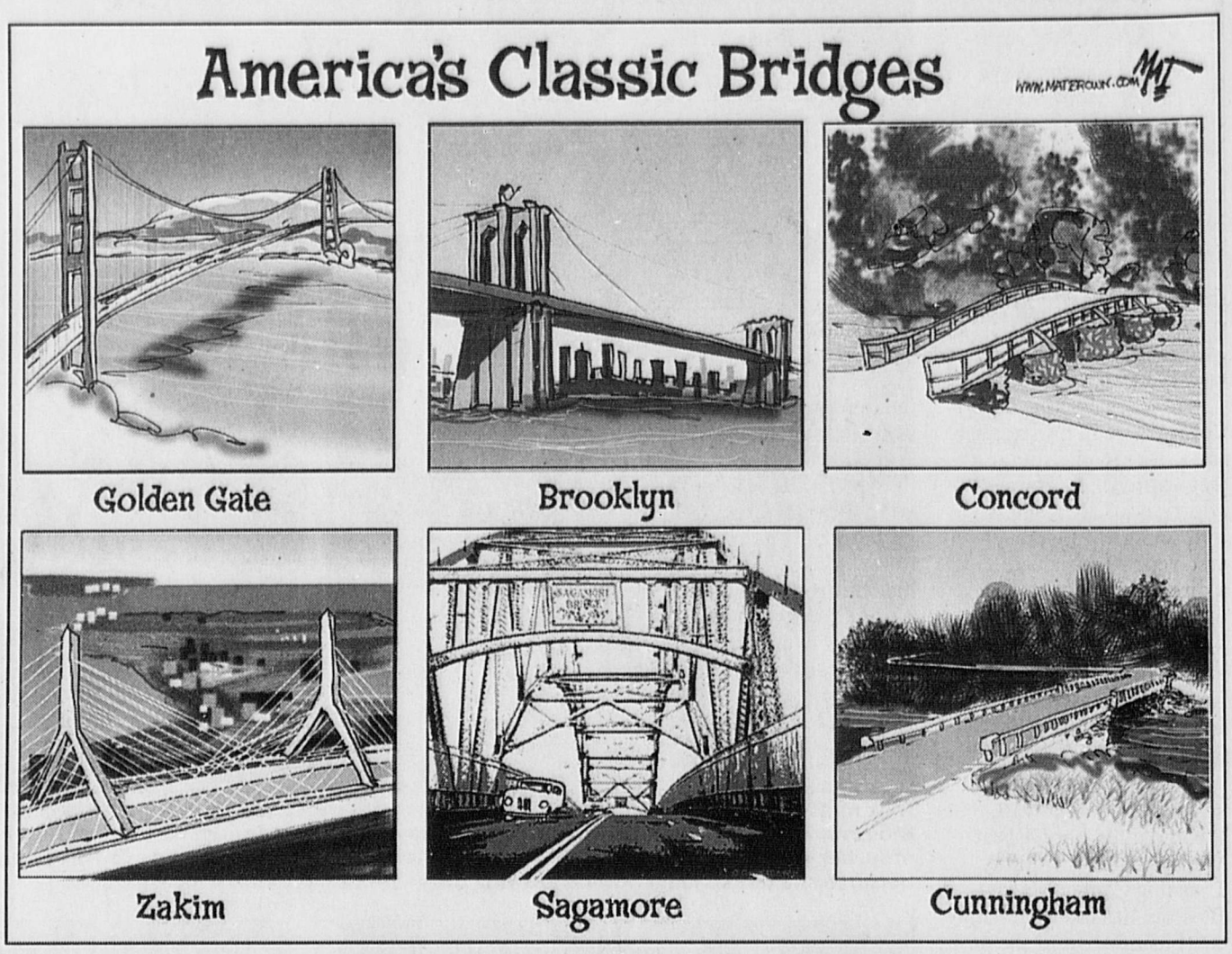

LIFE AT CHS

Back to books, sports and exams

BECCA FREDEY

The May 1st deadline for college decisions is dangerously close, and although the guidance hallway is absolutely plastered with acceptance letters, only a handful of students have committed to a school for next year.

The first week back from April vacation showed that the students of CHS enjoyed a long and relaxing vacation — we were all tanned and tired on Monday morning, most of us clutching coffee cups and some still trying to figure out what time-zone we were currently in.

The students who went to Spain with chaperone Jim Willis on the school-solicited trip over the break came back sunburned and smiling, telling many stories about their various European adventures. The students who attended traveled first to Portugal, experiencing the best beaches (and soccer, so I'm told), then to Spain (one student even brought back a University of Madrid sweatshirt as a keepsake). Overall the students seemed to have a fantastic time oversees, with no shortage of stories to keep the rest of us who took stay-cations entertained.

New inductees to the National Honor Society got a first taste of their responsibilities for the rest of the year, and the upcoming one for junior students. The homework tutoring center run at the Paul Pratt Library on Tuesday night saw many middle- and elementary-school students seeking help from the high school peers. The group enjoyed pizza- and some unpleasant trips down memory lane — all the way back to doing math boxes and sorting adverbs and adjectives into columns.

Baseball has officially started their season. Despite their rocky first few games, the team is getting their footing and hoping to bring back the much-coveted Cohasset success in the sport. Track and field continues to practice — rain or shine, literally. Meets send the student athletes around the South Shore, and this year has been successful on the part of both the boys' and girls' halves of the Cohasset-Hull team. Though the boys' lacrosse team is off to a good start, the girls' team is breaking records and taking names, defeating their competition in the first three games with amazing leads, sometimes over ten points. This spells a promising season for both teams and a great finish to the seniors' high school career.

The May 1st deadline for college decisions is dangerously close, and although the guidance hallway is absolutely plastered with acceptance letters, only a handful of students have committed to a school for next year. While the decision might not yet be finished, it appears that the seniors are. A fresh epidemic of senioritis has set in after the break and it's gotten significantly harder to stay focused on homework when the sun is shining and there's eighteen days left of your high school career.

Seniors are just going to have to hold on, though, because next week AP Testing begins, and a significant numbers of sophomores, juniors, and seniors have been preparing for the exam all year, urged on by our teachers to finish out the year strong and score a top mark of five on the exam. Unlike the SATs, AP Exams are taken at the high school, mainly in the gym or on the ground floor in a classroom. This gives some students a mild sense of security — home court advantage, maybe. If you see a student roaming around town next week, tell them good luck, because chances are they're just waiting until it's time to check-in at the school.

Hopefully everyone had a good vacation, but don't worry if you miss it already — summer is right around the corner!

—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. She sent her prom dress away to be altered and has not seen it since. If you have an information, please contact her. Preferably before May 26th.

PANTRY CORNER

Stamp Out Hunger drive is May 14

Hello and welcome to another edition of the Pantry Corner. This week we would like to mention the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive being held on Saturday, May 14th.

The Cohasset Food Pantry kindly asks all residents to check the expiration dates on all items left in bags outside their door. We cannot accept expired products. We'd also like to ask everybody not to bring opened containers or products.

Items that we need: tuna, beef stew, corned beef hash, hearty soups, juice (apple, cranberry etc.),juice boxes, applesauce, canned fruit no sugar added/ sugar free), peanut butter, jelly & jams, spaghetti sauce, and cereal.

The Food Pantry is open for donations every Tuesday morning between 8 and 8:30 a.m. If this does not fit into your schedule there is a donation box at St. Anthony's Parish Center in the foyer, and one at Stop & Shop. Please be sure not to put any perishables in the donation boxes.

We are also happy to arrange a meeting time with anyone who contacts us at the food pantry.

DID YOU KNOW: The median annual household income of Feeding America clients is $9,175 (according to feedingamerica.org).

"Despite everything, no one can dictate who you are to other people"
— Prince

Please contact us using the number 781-383-0219, at P.O. box 297 Cohasset Mass. 02025, or by emailing mcsheff110@gmail.com.

—Compiled by Andrew McSheffrey

ITEMS NEEDED

- Tuna
- Beef stew
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- Canned fruit no sugar added/ sugar free)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly & jams
- Spaghetti sauce
- Cereal

STATE SENATE

Absentee ballots

Absentee ballots for the special state election on May 10 are available at the Cohasset town clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon May 9 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election.

Applications are available on the town of Cohasset's website at cohassetma.org, on the homepage, and in the town clerk's office. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the town clerk's office by May 10 to be counted.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Meet Jack Keniley

This Sunday at 5:30 pm at 7 Sankey road is your opportunity to get to know Jack, ask questions and voice your concerns. The event is hosted by Stuart Ivimey and Christine Woodward. For more information about Jack's campaign and to volunteer or donate please visit Jack Keniley for Cohasset Selectman on Facebook.

COMMENTARY

Our schools are failing our children, ourselves

By Andrew Quigley

Once again the school budget has been a prime topic of discussion prior to Town Meeting.

And once again, it would appear that our citizens at Town Meeting, at the urging of our elected and appointed officials, are destined to allow our school system to sink further and further into a state of mediocrity.

Consider a few recent statements in the Mariner.

A member of the School Committee, in addressing a parent at a meeting "regarding the deferral of additional Latin, science, and social studies teachers," replied (this is not a direct quote from the member, but from the news article paraphrasing the member's statement), "The district isn't saying 'no' to these options forever, just for next year."

"Wait 'til next year," may have been a good-enough slogan for Red Sox fans prior to 2004, but as a business model for our schools, it fails. If a student does not have the opportunity to take a course when it is appropriate for that student to do so, there is no "next year." The window of opportunity is gone -- forever -- for that student.

Our "guy on the porch" stated in a recent Mariner column that he could not justify asking his 80 year old neighbor, who is on a fixed income, to pay additional taxes so that his (the porch guy's) kids could have a better education.

Four responses: First, the rights -- and responsibilities -- of citizenship don't end when one turns 65. Second, there are numerous programs for tax deferrals and exemptions for seniors, veterans, and others who have limited incomes. You just go to Town Hall and fill out a form. Third, when the neighbor was putting his children through our schools, senior citizens at that time paid for his children's education -- now it's his turn to pay it forward. Fourth, as the porch guy certainly knows, those of us with kids in the schools already are paying for things that his neighbor never had to pay for.

In my household, we pay $900 for our two kids to play sports at CHS; another $125 or so for one bus pass; and then another $250 for two AP Euro textbooks. That'a $1275 in annual expenses for today's parents that did not exist until recently. (Plus, add in the hundreds of thousands of dollars from the CEF to fill in the gaps for things that the taxpayers won't pay for.)

I would note, by the way, that Mr. Willis's AP Euro class is absolutely fantastic (I would audit it if I had the time) -- and so, as my father might say, his textbook is cheap at twice the price in terms of the added value to our children's education. But the topic of AP courses -- specifically, the lack thereof -- in our high school is just one example that demonstrates how we are failing our children and ultimately, ourselves as homeowners and taxpayers.

Based on the State Dept. of Ed. profile, Cohasset offers 13 AP courses. I randomly looked at some other school districts. Brookline had 29, Wellesley 22, Dover 18, Revere 19, and Chelsea 16. Closer to home, Norwell offered 20 and Hingham 21. In other words, from the richest to the poorest school districts, Cohasset ranks at the bottom.

Let's consider per pupil spending over the past five years. In 2010, Cohasset spent $13,520 per pupil. The state average in 2010 was $13,055. By 2014 (the latest year available on the DOE website), the numbers had reversed: Cohasset's average was $13,913 vs. a state average of $14,518. We went from a plus of $500 to a negative of $500 compared to the rest of the state in five years. A race to the top? Not here -- Cohasset evidently is in a race to the bottom.

And don't blame our retired and present teachers for our sad state of affairs. There is a line item in the DOE budget breakdown for, "Insurance, retirement, and other programs." Cohasset's per pupil expenditure in 2014 for this line item was $2171 vs. $2436 for the rest of the state. So was the big controversy of a few months ago concerning post-retirement benefits for our present and former teachers a case of the teachers being "greedy" -- or was it a case of Cohasset taxpayers shirking their promises and responsibilities? The DOE numbers suggest the latter.

The self-proclaimed municipal finance experts among our elected and unelected town officials, who talk about the attainment of a AAA bond rating for our town as if it were the Holy Grail, offer the financial equivalent of the Vietnam War commanders whose mindset was, "We have to destroy the village to save it."

Property values are determined primarily by two factors (after location): crime rates and schools. The former is equal among communities such as ours. So the big differentiation is the school system. Our self-proclaimed financial experts remind us all the time about the wonders of the private sector and AAA bond ratings, but they pursue fiscal policies that undermine our schools and thus ensure that we are losing the competitive battle to communities that invest in their schools much more than we do. If the self-proclaimed fiscal experts really want to tell us something that means something (as opposed to the poppycock-in-a-vacuum they spout whenever they mention AAA bond ratings), they need to quantify it for us.

How much does a AAA bond rating increase our property values vs. what does a top-rated school system do for us? Boston Magazine rated our high school at 33rd in Eastern Mass. -- we were just below Norwell. But what if we invested in our schools to bring us up to the top 20? What if we were to increase our taxes by $500 (I'm just picking a random figure) per year for our schools and the additional money would be spent to hire more teachers (to reduce teacher-student ratios) and to add more AP courses, so that Cohasset could get into the top 20 (instead of continuing our downward spiral). And if that were to happen, is it unreasonable to think that there might be an added value to our property values of say, one percent (just to pick a random figure)?

So let's do the math: A $500 investment by each of us annually in our schools might increase our $1 million average home value by one percent annually -- that's $10,000. We can spend $500 to earn $10,000 -- that's a rate of return on investment that every taxpayer can understand and, I would assume, that even our self-proclaimed fiscal experts would applaud.

— Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

COMMENTARY

Variances are becoming the norm

By James Island group

We believe everyone in Cohasset should have an interest in whether the variances sought are granted for James Island.

For many years the need for a site to perc had limited development in our town which is one of the reasons it is so beautiful. The sewer has removed this protective shield, and now our town and our elected or appointed officials have to protect Cohasset by enforcing it's bylaws.

They will only do this if we the residents of Cohasset insist that they do so. Many of the Inner Little Harbor residents have spent time and money doing this in the James Island case. However, all over town, development is being allowed that is against the bylaws, and then this sets precedents for future developers to use to get yet more variances. Getting a variance is becoming the "norm" rather than the "exception".

In the latest submission for James Island there are photos of the developments at 55 Beach Street (submitted as a precedent for significant blasting of the granite at the entrance to JI) and 53 Bow Street (where an addition was built next to the salt marsh), both being used to justify why this James Island development should go ahead. Neither of these developments should have been allowed. However, they are now being used to justify yet more variances.

James Island variances will simply open the flood gates even wider by setting a much bigger precedent for future developers:

- It is NEW construction for an 8000 sq ft house;
- Almost entirely INSIDE the 100' buffer;
- With a 300' road INSIDE the 50' buffer;
- now with significant blasting of a 35' granite rock to create the road;
- all next to our salt marshes and coastal bank.

There is already a 1 acre buildable lot at the entrance to the site, so there is not even a hardship argument in not granting the variance!

Take a look around your area; think like a developer, and with this new precedent, think about which sites you could develop under these new pro-development rules of engagement.

If you don't believe it will happen please consider how much money developers can make. Taking un-developable scrub lands and getting building approvals is incredibly profitable. James Island was bought for $1.2 million, but as a build-able 6.8 acre lot it will most likely be worth over $4 million. Every developer on the South Shore will be looking at lots in Cohasset to bring forward. Imagine the consequences to Cohasset.

And finally, the James Island case will have demonstrated that if you play hardball with Cohasset, you can win. Rather than making the lawsuits problem go away, it will simply teach developers to sue anyone and everyone to persuade the town to grant their variances and allow their development.

Either we stand up for the rules and bylaws or we should accept that in 5 years our town will look very different (and damaged) than it does today. That is why the James Island group is standing up for the enforcement of our bylaws.

This is exactly why we believe everyone in Cohasset should have an interest in opposing the variances being requested for James Island. Please come onThursday, 5th May, at 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to the Conservation Commission meeting at the Town Hall (basement hearing room).

— James McCann, 47 Nichols Rd; Sal Lanuto, 45 Little Harbor Rd.; Tom Killilea, 44 Little Harbor Rd.; George Parks, 279 Jerusalem Rd., and Rustam & Virginia DeVitre, 430 Atlantic Ave.

COMMENTARY

Showing respect for our flag

By Timothy C. Davis

As the sunlight lengthens and the weather warms, and many more of us are flying or displaying the American Flag, it is, perhaps, timely to consider the meaning of, and etiquette due, our flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Since then, the flag design has evolved through several iterations to the one we know today. It represents many things to many people, but it most importantly represents our country and the rights and liberties we all hold dear. It also represents the more than one million citizens who have died defending those rights and liberties around the world.

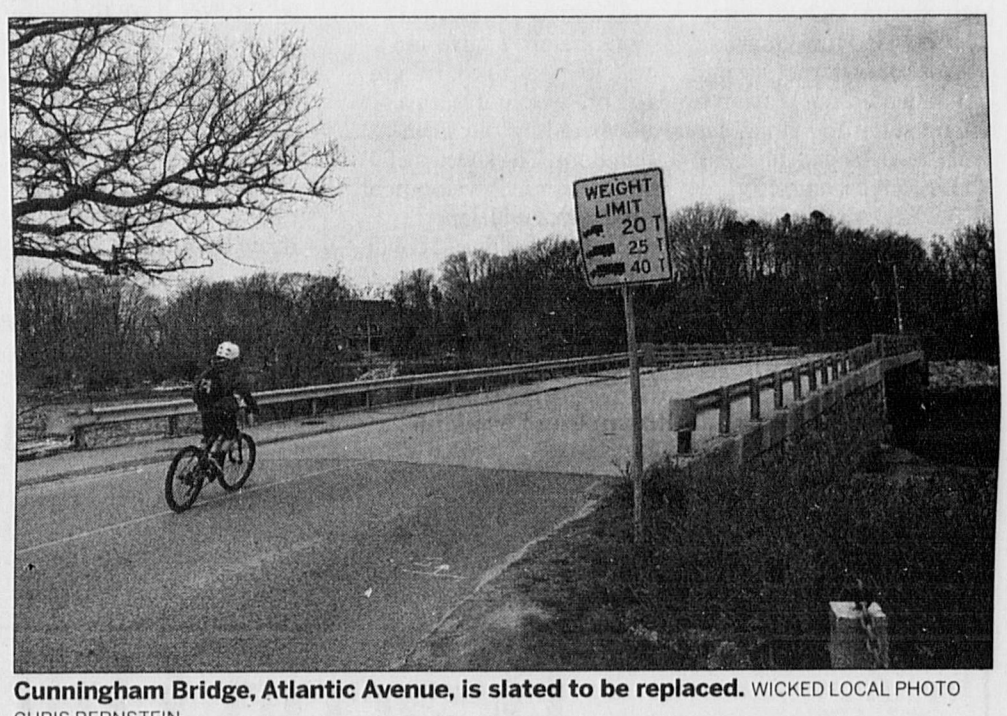
As we fly the flag, it is appropriate to show respect for it and all it stands for. This is done by observing a few rules; some law, some custom. The United States Flag Code establishes advisory rules for display and care of the national flag of the United States of America. It is Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 et seq).

Two of sections often mistakenly ignored are:

- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset, although the Flag Code permits night time display "when a patriotic effect is desired" and the flag is illuminated. In other words, the flag should not be left up after sunset unless appropriately lighted.

—Timothy C. Davis lives at 257 Atlantic Ave.

COMMENTARY



Cunningham Bridge, Atlantic Avenue, is slated to be replaced. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

What's the rush on Cunningham?

By Lance M. McInerney

As a resident who lives near Cunningham bridge, I believe the plan proposed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) is not an ideal one. There are a number of reasons why the DOT's proposal is lacking, including the proposed bridge's aesthetic design and the proposed change in the turn on Atlantic Avenue which will encourage faster traffic. As the existing bridge is not in imminent need of repair, I think we have time to arrive at a better solution.

Given the amount of pedestrian traffic on the bridge, from biking, running, dog walking fishing, etc., the DOT's plan of expropriating land to lessen the existing turn will encourage faster vehicular traffic and potentially invite injury. I think most people in town would agree that our winding roads are sufficiently dangerous given the lack of shoulders for bikers, runners, etc. to utilize. We should look for ways to improve the safety of our roads, not decrease it.

The new bridge's aesthetics should be of paramount importance as well. A reason why so many people love living in Cohasset is due to its natural beauty. A severely utilitarian or spartan design would greatly detract from the scenic beauty on and around Cunningham bridge.

Furthermore, the DOT seems to have ignored its own guidelines, that is, that they "establish a clear and transparent project development and design process and [one] that results in project consensus among constituents which can be expeditiously accomplished within reasonable project cost".

Nor did the Department of Transportation "incorporate the principles of Context Sensitive Design (a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all constituents to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility for all users)."

The DOT should be held to its own rules on this issue and seek further input from the residents of Cohasset before hastily moving forward with a plan that so many find objectionable.

— Lance M. McInerney lives at 144 Atlantic Avenue.

LIBRARY CORNER

Community Campus Open House

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

COHASSET COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE: Join other residents for food and fun from 10 a.m. to noon April 30 for the Cohasset Community Campus Open House. Explore the Library, the newly relocated Recreation Department, Willcutt Commons Senior Center and Cohasset Veterans Services to learn about the many programs and resources offered.

SUNDAY AUTHOR TALKS: Thomas O'Malley will give a talk about his book "We Were Kings" at 4 p.m. May 1. A wine and cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. Admission is free. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste for Wine & Spirits. For more information call the library.

MOVIE MATINEE AT THE LIBRARY: Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library at 11 a.m. May 6. Light refreshments donated by Shaw's of Cohasset. Free admission. Call the library for movie details.

OPEN BOOK HOUR AUTHOR SERIES: John Roman will give a talk about his book "The Art of Illustrated Maps" at 2 p.m. May 14. Refreshments and a book signing will follow the talk.

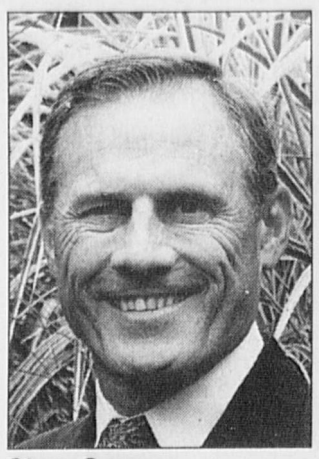
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

For Selectman Candidates:

Has the time come to reconstitute the Economic Development Committee with the charge of looking at ways to increase the town's commercial tax base with the goal of lessening the tax burden on residential property owners?

Steve Gaumer



Steve Gaumer

Cohasset's residential nature is both attractive and restrictive.

Our town is a postcard of kept homes, mature trees and quiet streets. We maintain our own fire department, ambulance, police, school district, DPW, water and sewer. All around, a wonderful place to live. The funds to provide these services are provided by us, nearly all through property taxes, 93 percent of which are paid by homeowners. Yes, we would benefit from a meaningful diversification of our revenues.

Our development options continue to be restricted by persistent issues including geographic seclusion, limited buildable acreage and a restricted sewer district.

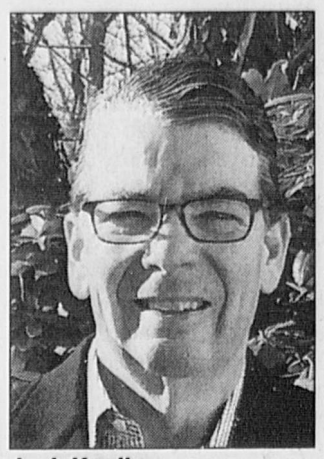
Our assets include public transit, an educated population, modern communication infrastructure. Somewhere in this mix might be the making of a business expansion. Other communities have dealt with similar restrictions, yet have fostered vital business communities. For example, Greenwich, Conn., used telecommunications infrastructure and an educated population to turn itself into a financial hub, re-defining the term "bedroom community".

Recharging the Economic Development Committee (it still exists) can be an effective step in identifying options for diversifying our tax base. Our economy has evolved remarkably in the past two decades and opportunities for development exist today which were unimagined a few years ago.

Still, we will face an ongoing hurdle: Staffing committees requires interested and committed citizens to step forward. This remains our most difficult task, as evidenced by our continuing committee vacancies.

Our town identifies its future achievements in committees. These positions are productive and a valuable way to contribute to Cohasset, and learn a bit about how our town functions. The success of an Economic Development Committee will depend upon those willing to staff it.

Jack Keniley



Jack Keniley

Absolutely. The work of the original EDC produced the Transit Oriented District zoning that allowed for the successful development of Old Colony Square. In addition, the EDC started Cohasset Day and other successful promotional programs to draw people to town.

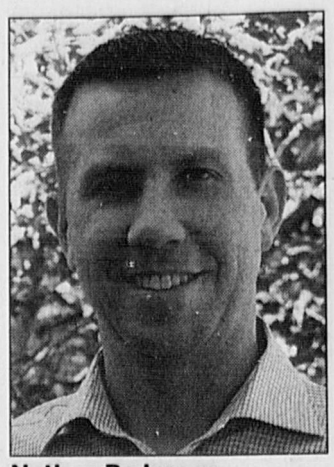
Much has changed since. Sewer access was limited by a lawsuit. The issue has been resolved allowing for more development. The Greenbush train started in 2007 increasing the accessibility of the town to commuters. Finally, there has been an influx of successful new development in the downtown such as Depot Court and other new retail/restaurant projects with more in the planning stage.

Cohasset has challenges to commercial growth, a small population surrounded on one side by water and on the other side by a state park and a limited amount of commercial property. We will never have the traffic or the population density to support large projects that generate large tax revenues.

But, we can utilize the natural beauty and charm of Cohasset to draw businesses that are consistent with the scale and character of the town. The development of downtown Chatham is one example of how to accomplish this goal. For example, we can explore redeveloping the back parking lot downtown and the gas station with a mix of retail/residential projects.

We need a public/private partnership like the EDC to vet and promote opportunities. As a Selectman, I will push to appoint a mix of citizens that have development experience with the people who own the retail and commercial properties. Now is the time to get working so that the EDC's findings can be integrated into the new Master Plan for Cohasset.

Nathan Redmann



Nathan Redmann

Cohasset should regularly seek alternative sources of revenue to lessen the tax burden on residential property owners. The Economic Development Committee should be reconstituted to help meet this goal, but with specific objectives to drive its charge. Any development plan to increase the commercial tax base needs to respect the qualities that make Cohasset a desirable place to live. These qualities cannot be compromised.

A reconstituted Economic Development Committee should think about innovative ways to attract and expand upon our commercial base beyond brick-and-mortar construction. Businesses want to go where the talent is; Cohasset has that talent and the success of businesses such as Workstation make clear that our residents want to work locally. Thoughtful economic development should consider:

■ Delivering access to secure, reliable, high-speed broadband services, which are currently limited and costly on the South Shore. At Town Meeting, we will vote to make a significant investment in information technology for Cohasset. Can we leverage these investments to provide broadband services to our local businesses? Or, can we partner with Open-Cape and our surrounding communities to deliver these services and position Cohasset as a technology hub for new businesses?

■ Developing a business incubator to invest in local entrepreneurs by providing them with shared resources, mentorship, and access to capital that are central to success for new businesses. Targeted investments can encourage business development, nurture growth, and provide employment opportunities and valued goods and services locally.

■ Addressing the needs of our existing business community. Investments in sidewalks, parking, bike lanes, etc. will not only improve the economic outcomes of our businesses by attracting consumers, but will improve the lives of our citizens.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

For Selectman Candidates: At this point, you have spent some time on the campaign trail. What have voters told you are their biggest concerns and how do you plan to address those concerns?

Responses should be brief — no more than 275 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates should reply by e-mail at mford@wickedlocal.com.

The Mariner will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (a total of about 175 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short issue statements and the like.

All candidates opposed or unopposed (who have not already done so) are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates in the Town Election. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Following tradition, the House and Senate had no formal sessions during last week's April school vacation. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports the percentage of times local representatives voted with their party's leadership in 2015. The votes of the 2015 membership of 33 Republicans were compared with those of GOP House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading). The votes of the 2015 membership of 125 Democrats were compared to House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 170 votes from the 2015 House session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not quorum calls or on local issues.

A total of 82 of the 125 Democrats voted with DeLeo 100 percent of the time. That means nearly two-thirds of the Democrats always voted with DeLeo.

The Democratic representatives who voted the lowest percentage of times with the DeLeo are Reps. Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner) and Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), who both voted with DeLeo 95.9 percent of the time.

None of the 33 GOP members voted with Jones 100 percent of the time.

The GOP representative who voted with Jones the lowest percentage of times is Rep. David Vieira (R-Falmouth) who voted with Jones only 71.2 percent of the time.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PERCENTAGE OF VOTES SUPPORTING THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP

Here is how local representatives fared in their support of the leadership of their party on 170 roll calls.

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported his or her party's leadership.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the representative opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some representatives voted on all 170 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the 170 votes. The percentage for each representative is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Rep. Bruce Ayers	**98.2 percent (3)**
Rep. Garrett Bradley	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Thomas Calter	**97.0 percent (5)**
Rep. James Cantwell	**99.4 percent (1)**
Rep. Mark Cusack	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Josh Cutler	**98.8 percent (2)**
Rep. David DeCoste	**91.8 percent (14)**
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	**85.9 percent (24)**
Rep. Geoff Diehl	**88.2 percent (20)**
Rep. Michelle DuBois	**99.4 percent (1)**
Rep. William Galvin	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Susan Gifford	**92.4 percent (13)**
Rep. Patricia Haddad	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Randy Hunt	**84.9 percent (25)**
Rep. Louis Kafka	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Ronald Mariano	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Christopher Markey	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Matthew Muratore	**88.8 percent (19)**
Rep. James Murphy	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. William Straus	**100 percent (0)**
Rep. Walter Timilty	**96.5 percent (6)**

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DRUG TRAFFICKING REGISTRY (S 1294) - A proposal before the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee would create a drug trafficking registry to identify convicted drug dealers and make the information available to law enforcement and the public. The information would include the drug dealer's name, date of birth, photograph and the offenses of which he or she was convicted.

Supporters say this will help law enforcement and the public keep tabs on these drug dealers. They argue the public should have a right to know if a convicted drug dealer is living next door.

CHILD ABUSE LAWSUITS (H 4150) - A bill before the Judiciary Committee would eliminate the current one-year statute of limitations after an alleged pedophile dies to bring a lawsuit.

Supporters say this current law is unfair to victims because it offers "protection" to the accused abuser after he dies.

The most recent change to this law was a 2014 law increasing the statute of limitations during which a person can file a civil suit for child sexual abuse. Prior law allowed victims to file a suit up until the age of 21 while the 2014 law increased the age to 53.

Supporters of the 2014 law say that many children who are victims of sexual abuse are not emotionally ready to confront the situation until many years later.

HOUSE APPROVES SEVERAL BILLS - The House gave initial approval to several bills including:

FIREFIGHTERS AND THE MDA (H 2277) - Allows Bay State firefighters to wear their uniforms while soliciting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) raises millions of dollars annually for the MDA through its "Fill the Boot" campaigns at which firefighters greet and ask motorists, shoppers, fans at sporting events and others to make a donation to MDA.

Supporters said allowing firefighters to wear uniforms will increase their visibility and result in more funds being raised.

The relationship between the IAFF and the MDA began in Boston more than 60 years ago. Charlie Crowley, the father of two sons with muscular dystrophy, sought the help of his friend George Graney, a firefighter from Fire Engine Company 1 in South Boston, to raise money to take care of Crowley's two sons. Graney and 20 of his fellow firefighters proceeded to collect $5,000 by going door-to-door. In 1953, the drive expanded and became a citywide fundraising campaign.

In 1954 at the IAFF convention in Miami, Graney led the campaign to make the MDA the International's "charity of choice." Since that time, the bond between the two groups has grown and the IAFF became the chief sponsor of the MDA's Labor Day Telethon and continues to raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

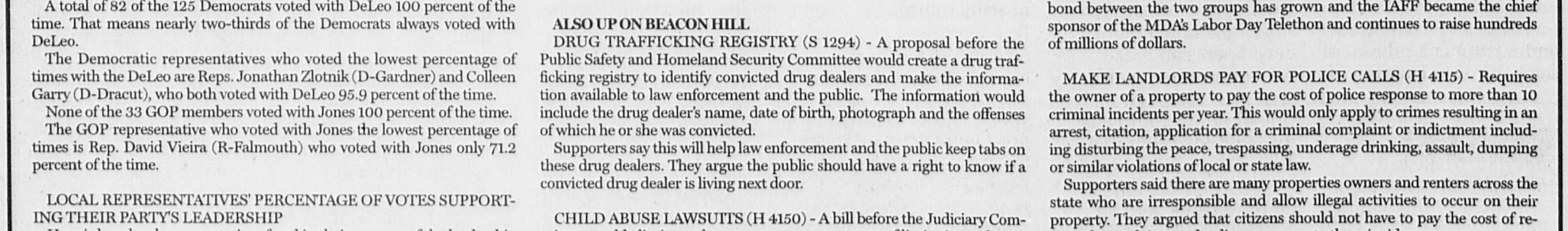
MAKE LANDLORDS PAY FOR POLICE CALLS (H 4115) - Requires the owner of a property to pay the cost of police response to more than 10 criminal incidents per year. This would only apply to crimes resulting in an arrest, citation, application for a criminal complaint or indictment including disturbing the peace, trespassing, underage drinking, assault, dumping or similar violations of local or state law.

Supporters said there are many properties owners and renters across the state who are irresponsible and allow illegal activities to occur on their property. They argued that citizens should not have to pay the cost of repeated complaints and police responses to these incidents.

JURY DUTY EXEMPTION (H 1556) - Extends from the current three years to six years the period of time during which a member of a grand jury is exempt from any additional juror service.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of April 18-22, the House met for a total of 31 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 21 minutes.



UPDATE

Hearing slated for Cunningham Bridge

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The state department of transportation, dubbed MassDOT, has agreed to hold a public hearing on the plans to replace Cunningham Bridge at 7 p.m. on Wednesday (May 11) at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. The $4 million project cost would be paid for with federal money.

The hearing should come as good news to concerned citizens and abutters who are worried about a lack of aesthetics of the proposed replacement bridge and the possibility that that section of Atlantic Avenue would have to be shut down during construction, causing major traffic rerouting for emergency vehicles.

Brian Joyce, head of the Cohasset DPW, told selectmen this week that MassDOT was open to discussing town concerns, including the possibility of keeping one lane open during construction, hence the public meeting on the project. Joyce said MassDOT assured him that all views and comments at the hearing would be considered to the maximum extent possible.

On a related matter, selectmen voted to recommend the Town Meeting article that would authorize them to take easements – three temporary and one permanent – for the bridge project.

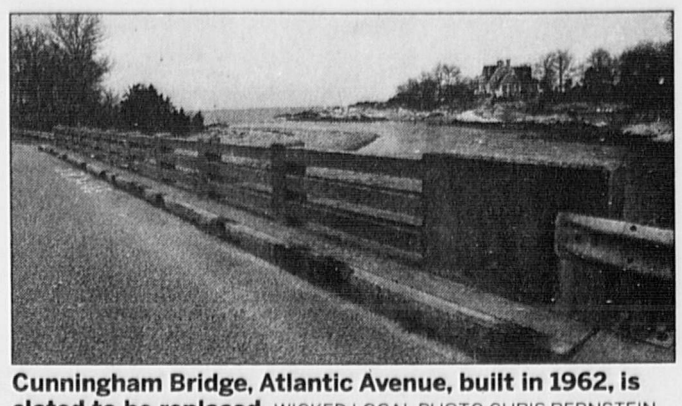
Joyce explained that that authorization allows the project to move forward but does not make it a "done deal." The article, if approved, just gives the board the power to take the easements.

Town Manager Chris Senior was optimistic that the town can get a beautiful and safe new bridge.

"It is not safety versus scenic, we can have both: a bridge can be both safe and scenic," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer said while an edifice that stays in place for generations should be pleasing to the eyes, shutting down Atlantic Avenue was a non-starter.

"While it is a small amount of time in scheme of things there is no reason to sit back and say OK shut down that road – we would never do it with Beechwood Street never, and I don't see why we would want to do it here."



Cunningham Bridge, Atlantic Avenue, built in 1962, is slated to be replaced. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

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James Island lawsuits withdrawn as 'sign of good faith'

Steinmetz producing new driveway plan

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John Steinmetz, who has been trying for over a year to build a single-family home on his property at James Island, has withdrawn the lawsuits he filed against the town and the individuals who previously tried to stop him from building there for environmental reasons.

"We don't want litigation in the town where we're raising our kids," Steinmetz said. "We've withdrawn the lawsuits as a sign of good faith. We hope that we can complete this without animosity and give the Conservation Commission what they're looking for."

To that end, Steinmetz has worked with Cavanaro Consulting to produce a new plan that, he believes, will satisfy both neighbors' and commissioners' concerns regarding the proximity of his home to the salt marsh.

The primary point of concern was the driveway, which encroached on the 50-foot coastal buffer zone according to the old plans. At its closest point, the original driveway came within 15 feet of the salt marsh, which commissioners felt could have a negative impact on that ecosystem due to runoff.

That driveway had been designed based on an existing dirt cart path, which would have been the path of least resistance: It would not have disrupted trees or wildlife, since the way was already clear, and Steinmetz had already agreed to use pervious materials to prevent runoff from entering the marsh.

But neighbors and commissioners wanted the driveway out of the 50-foot buffer zone entirely. So, on the new blueprints, the driveway cuts through the middle of the isthmus. It is, at its closest point, 52 feet from the salt marsh.

The new driveway will require more work, and therefore more expense, since ledge will have to be removed. But Steinmetz is happy to do it if that's what it takes to get the plans approved.

"We're trying to create a situation of peace where it's a win-win for everybody," Steinmetz said. "We listened to all the tapes from the meetings, we heard the commission's concerns, and we worked with John Cavanaro to meet every criteria."

After he withdrew the lawsuits without prejudice, there were rumblings among a group called the James Island Protection Group. The group saw this move as a threat and took to Facebook to share the news.

Members feared that the Steinmetzes had only withdrawn the suits so they could have leverage over the commission – basically, so they could strong-arm commissioners into approving their project with the threat of re-opening the court cases.

But according to Steinmetz, this couldn't be further from the truth. He and his family are determined to build their home on James Island, it's true, and at first it seemed that filing lawsuits would be the only way to do so.

Now, they're done with all the negativity. Now, instead of working against the Town, Steinmetz wants to work with it.

He'll be returning to the Conservation Commission on Thursday, May 5th with his new plans.

"We never want to file those suits again," said Steinmetz. "Withdrawing the lawsuits without prejudice wasn't a threat. What happened before is water under the bridge. We hope that we can put behind us who was right or wrong the first time and focus on the new plans."

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BRIEFLY

Liquor license transfer continued

Selectmen continued the public hearing to 6 p.m. Monday, May 9 on application for transfer of the liquor license to the new business Cohasset Harbor Group LLC planning to take over the Cohasset Harbor Inn/Brisa because they had not received the background check on the proposed new manager Bob Houie in time for their meeting Tuesday (April 26).

Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer said the board welcomed any written commentary on the license transfer before the hearing on May 9.

Blue Mussel set to open

Selectmen approved the Common Victualler's license for the Blue Mussel Tavern this week. Co-owners Anthony Ambrose and Peter Tedeschi were before the board Tuesday (April 26).

Ambrose said all the construction was complete and they plan to open by the end of next week.

"We are hoping to cook for you shortly," he told the board.

The Blue Mussel would return to the board an entertainment license, Ambrose said. He said they would like to have entertainment for special occasions but were not set up for regular entertainment. "We would rather have it and not need it, then need it and not have it," he said.

Selectman Kevin McCarthy abstained from voting on the food license because he is an abutter. "I live across the fence but I will be over there," he said.

The Blue Mussel is on King Street (Route 3A) next to Dunkin' Donuts.

New member of Conservation

Selectmen unanimously voted to approve appointing Andrea Buffum as a full member of the Conservation Commission at their meeting Tuesday (April 26); Buffum had been serving as an associate (non-voting) member since last July.

Buffum will fill the unexpired term of James Marten, who resigned on March 30.

Vice Chairman on the commission, Patrice Vogelman, said the Commission was now looking for two associate members. She explained that it is important for associates to have time to learn the ropes before moving the full position.

Veteran on of Elder Affairs

Rich Hynes, who came highly recommended by Council on Elder Affairs Vice Chairman Tana Carlson, is a new associate member of the council.

Selectmen approved his appointment this week and expressed hope that he would encourage veterans to become more involved in senior activities and programs.

Hynes, who is commander of the Cohasset VFW Post, said he applied because he feels the new senior center, dubbed Willcutt Commons, is a beautiful facility that is under utilized.

"I want to get involved to feather my own nest," Hynes quipped. "I want to help put in programs that I would enjoy."

RATING

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town now looks as good as those Atlantic vistas along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Standard and Poor's, a credit-rating agency, recently upgraded the town's bond rating to AAA

A higher bond rating will generally lead to lower interest rates on borrowing, decreasing the long-term costs for infrastructure and equipment, which will save the town money on borrowing, officials say.

Town Manager Chris Senior noted that AAA, the highest rating Standard and Poor's assigns, is also the highest bond rating ever achieved by the town.

Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer explained that an AAA bond rating means the town could borrow sums of money at substantially lower rates, saving taxpayers' money.

"For example, an AAA community borrowing money today for a 20-year term would cost 2.37 percent. An AA community would pay 2.58 percent for the same loan. Under these circumstances, Cohasset could save $21,000 in annual interest payments by achieving an AAA rating versus an AA rating."

Gaumer explained that in fairly recent history, the outlook for Cohasset was not always that rosy. In 2011, the Board of Selectmen, acknowledging that years of tax management, oversight and processes had brought the town's finances to the brink of disaster, asked Town Meeting to vote an endorsement of recommended financial policies.

"We closed that year with a deficit, and an admonition from the Mass. Dept. of Revenue. In a real sense, we had made ourselves a financial pariah, and had shown ourselves to be a poor steward of taxpayer money," Gaumer said. The 2011 Town Meeting endorsed a financial policy with its goal to achieve an AAA bond rating.

The town has already benefited by refinancing some outstanding bonds, Gaumer said.

Senior noted that Cohasset is now where it belongs on the financial front.

"Cohasset is an AAA community in which to live, work and raise a family, and it now also has AAA credit," Senior said.

Senior said the efforts of Town Finance Director Mary Gallagher, Treasurer-Collector Paula Linhares, the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee are a testament to Cohasset's financial management and the culmination of hard work.

Christina Marin, credit analyst with Standard and Poor's, emphasized in a press release that policy upgrades on topics such as debt management, investment and cash handling, should sustain the town's strong fiscal profile over time. The town's upgrade to AAA was from AA+.

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Town Manager Chris Senior

WARRANT

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make a big difference for certain accounts, like the stabilization fund or OPEB trust (which funds post-employment healthcare and benefits for town employees and teachers).

Article 5 would establish a special education stabilization fund, which would go a long way toward eliminating uncertainty and drama in the school budget each year. Special education is the most volatile part of the school budget and is impossible to predict. It also can change mid-year.

This stabilization fund would enable the schools to budget more accurately for predictable needs and to absorb unanticipated special education expenses without having to make cuts elsewhere.

Article 6 asks voters to approve the operating budget, which is attached to the back of the warrant. The total recommended Town budget for fiscal year 2017 is $29,433,557, which includes the school budget.

Article 7 is a routine article that allocates funds to cover bills that, for one reason or another, did not get paid in previous years. Most notable is the $75,000 bill owed to the Holland Company by the Water Department when Holland realized it had been incorrectly billing the Town for two years, officials said.

The Water Department successfully negotiated the payment price down from $114,000 and is covering the expense with funds appropriated at Special Town Meeting in November. These funds were available due to a capital project that the department decided not to undertake until later.

The next two are pretty routine. **Article 8** requests additional funding for departmental budgets that are experiencing a shortfall in fiscal 2016. **Article 9** appropriates funds available from general revenue into specific accounts: the general and capital stabilization funds, and the OPEB trust fund.

Article 10 proposes funding for various capital improvement projects, including requests by the police and fire departments, IT, and the Department of Public Works. The total amount is $1,432,230.

Article 11 reestablishes revolving funds to support specialized services by the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Elder Affairs.

Article 12 allocates $125,000 to fund additional road repairs and maintenance projects throughout the town to supplement ongoing state highway assistance. Similarly, **Article 13** would appropriate $50,000 for various small facility projects.

Article 14 gives $25,000 from undesignated funds to continue the development of the Master Plan and Open Space Plan.

Article 15 allocates Water Department funds to rehabilitate and paint the Bear Hill water tank for $400,000. This was an anticipated cost and was included in the rate study accepted during Annual Town Meeting 2015.

Article 16 places liability on the Town, rather than the State, for potential damages incurred by work of the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. This is an annual article and a prerequisite for receiving state funds toward projects like dredging the harbor.

Article 17 doubles tax exemptions for qualified elderly, veteran, and legally blind taxpayers. It also doubles the exemption for certain elderly taxpayers who have been in town for many years but, due to living on fixed incomes, are finding it increasingly difficult to pay their taxes.

Article 18 allocates Community Preservation Act funds for selected projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee. CPC this year plans to fund kitchen upgrades for the senior affordable housing units at 60 Elm Street, improvements to the Milliken Field snack shack and the addition of bathrooms, and a study and plan for outdoor space at the new Recreation Center.

Article 19 is another housekeeping item. It will rescind unused borrowing authorizations previously voted by the Town. These authorizations were approved in 2004 and are no longer needed.

Article 20 empowers the Town to acquire temporary and permanent easements to prepare for the replacement of Cunningham Bridge, which the state has offered to fund for $4 million. The property owners have already been contacted. Construction plans are available at CohassetMA.org.

Article 21 empowers the Town to acquire similar easements in order to facilitate repairs to Bound Brook Bridge, which connects the Beechwood neighborhood to the rest of town. Residents can anticipate lane closures, but the road will remain open during construction. Plans are available on the town website.

Article 22 would modify the position of Associate Planning Board Member so that the associate member can vote on any matter if other members are absent or have a conflict of interest. Currently, the associate member can only vote on special permit applications.

Article 23 is a citizens' petition proposing the extension of the Town sewer to encompass 11 additional homes on King Street. Because these homes were not recommended by a recently completed sewer study, selectmen unanimously voted not to recommend this article.

Finally, **Article 24** is another citizens' petition would direct any additional revenues raised by the meals and room taxes, should they be approved, into the general stabilization fund, OPEB trust, and additional road repairs.

Selectmen voted 3-1 not to recommend the article, but remained open to considering it on the Town Meeting floor if the article proponents could provide a breakdown of dollar amounts that would be allocated toward each purpose.

Now that you've studied, you're ready to ace the test on Monday night. Be sure to come out to the high school gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 2nd to vote! Childcare will be available from the Rec Department for $10. Pre-registration is recommended at CohassetRec.com.

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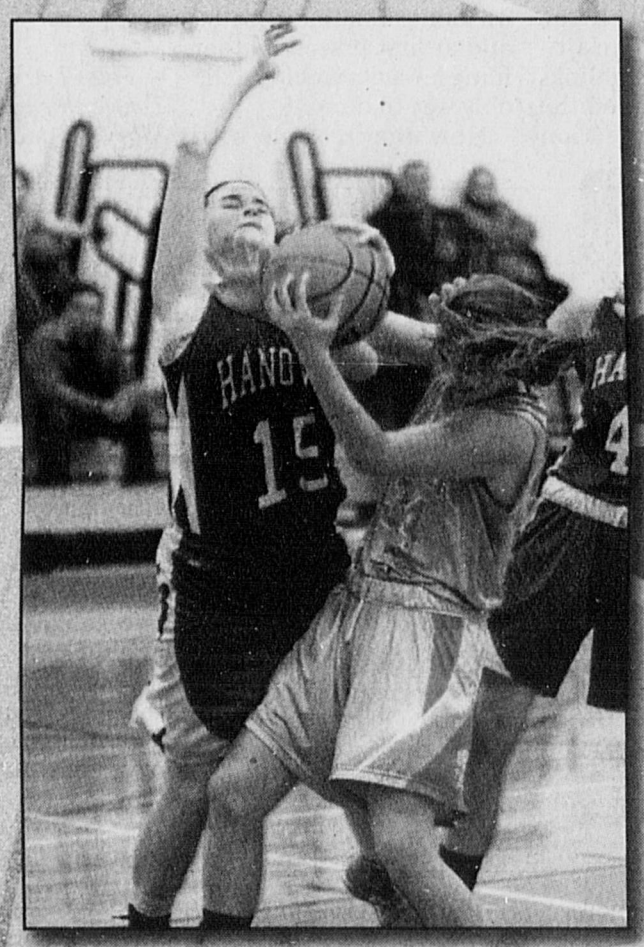

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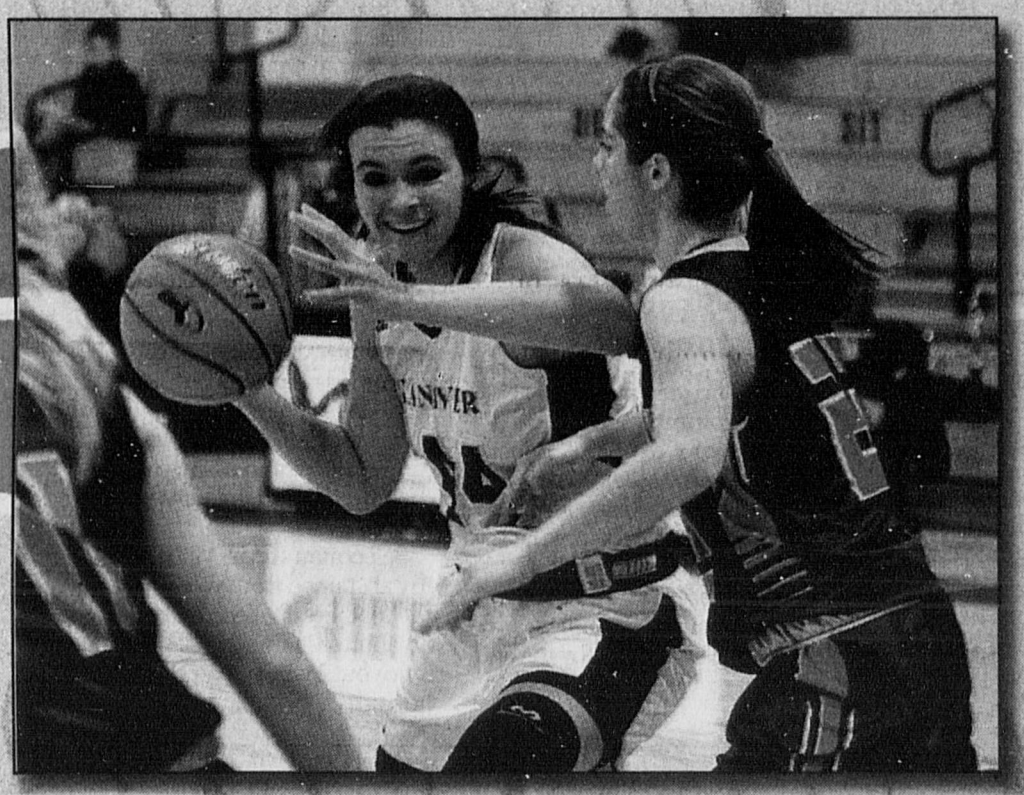

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LACROSSE

Will Golden Scholarship doubleheader

Tuesday, May 3 at Alumni Field the Cohasset High School lacrosse teams will host a lacrosse doubleheader in memory of Cohasset High School Class of 2014 Graduate and CHS Lacrosse Player Will Golden.

Donations will be accepted at the main admission gate and "#19 Cohasset Lacrosse" t-shirts will be for sale for $20 courtesy of David Burke and Millennium Printing Corporation. All proceeds from the sale of the shirts and donations at the game will go to the Will Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Games are: girls vs. Abington, 4 p.m., boys vs. Bridgewater-Raynham, 6 p.m.

If you can not make the game but would like to donate to the scholarship fund donations can be sent directly to:

Will Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund

Pilgrim Bank, 40 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Post 118 tryouts

Cohasset/Scituate Post 118 American Legion baseball will host tryouts Sunday May 1 at 3 p.m. at Scituate High School.

Players from Scituate, Cohasset and Norwell may try out. For more information, contact Scott Arnold, sarnold65@comcast.net

YOUTH FOOTBALL/ CHEERLEADING

Registration

SciCoh Football and Cheerleading registration is now open for the 2016 season.

Players must be 7 years old by Sept. 1, 2016 in order to play.

Players also cannot turn age 15 prior to Nov. 15, 2016. Register at https://reg.sportspilot.com/105547

Football:

Regular Registration March 16- June 15

Late Registration June16-July 31

Cheer:

Early Registration March 15 - April 15

Regular Registration April16 - May 15

Late Registration May 16 - June 30

YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL

Opening Day Parade

The CYBSA opening day parade will be held Saturday April 30 at 8 a.m. The parade will start at the common and continue down the Main Street to the Barnes complex baseball fields. The Deer Hill marching band along with Cohasset's finest will accompany all the players. Come out and enjoy a great family event.

After the parade, CYBSA will host the Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition at the Barnes Complex.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Busy vacation week

Laxmen play full slate during off week

By William Wassersug
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While many teams took a break during the vacation week, the Cohasset boys lacrosse team was busy with mixed results in the win-loss column, and added some community sevice as well.

Friday, April 15, the Skippers notched an 8-7 win over Franklin, then took a few days off before facing Grafton in a 10-9 overtime win April 21.

Two days later, the Skippers played in a tournament at Weston and lost a tough 6-5 game. April 25, Cohasset took a trip to Hull where they lost a 10-8 decision.

Cohasset rebounded with a 15-2 win over East Bridgewater, Tuesday, April 26.

Cohasset was set to play Norwell April 28 (result unavailable at press time), and host Bridgewater-Raynham Tuesday May 3.

Thursday, May 5, the Skippers host Scituate and then have a big challenge at undefeated Beverly Saturday, May 7.

Earth Day

The team and coaches celebrated Earth Day on Friday, April 22 by volunteering to work with Board members of the Cohasset Conservation Trust to clean up the CCT"s Bassing Beach property.

Armed with gloves, trash bags and shovels to dig out buried lobster traps, the boys divided into three groups that swept the beach of winter debris from well beyond the breakwater to the shore opposite the Cohasset Sailing Club.

The team and CCT Directors were ferried over to Bassing Beach by Cohasset

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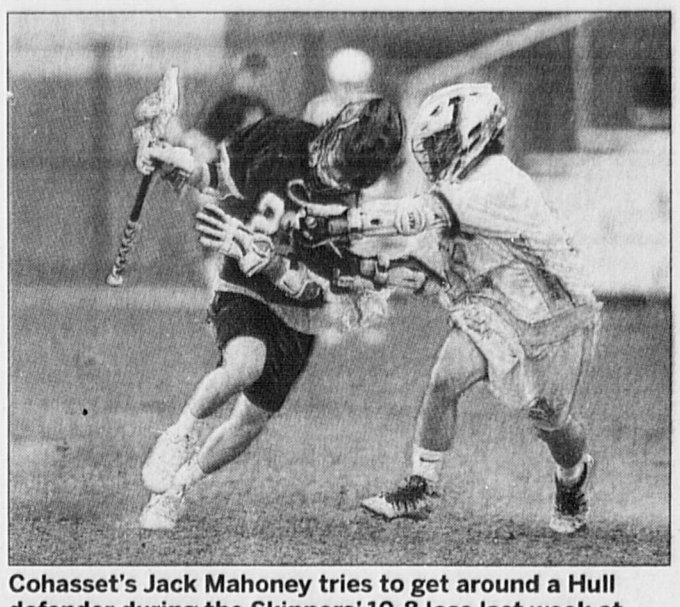

Cohasset's Jack Mahoney tries to get around a Hull defender during the Skippers' 10-8 loss last week at Hull. COURTESY PHOTO/DAN LEAHY

BASEBALL

Cohasset grabs solid rebound

Baseball rebounds from tough losses with big win over Rockland

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To say the weekend was a tough one for the Cohasset baseball team may not have been an understatement, but for the Skippers, a little adversity only made them stronger.

The Skippers faced neighboring Scituate, Friday and Saturday April 22 and 23, losing 12-8 and 4-3 in a walkoff win for Scituate, Saturday.

The series was expected to be a good one between rivals who come together in the summer to play for Cohasset/Scituate American Legion Post 118.

Still, there were many positives, and the Skippers

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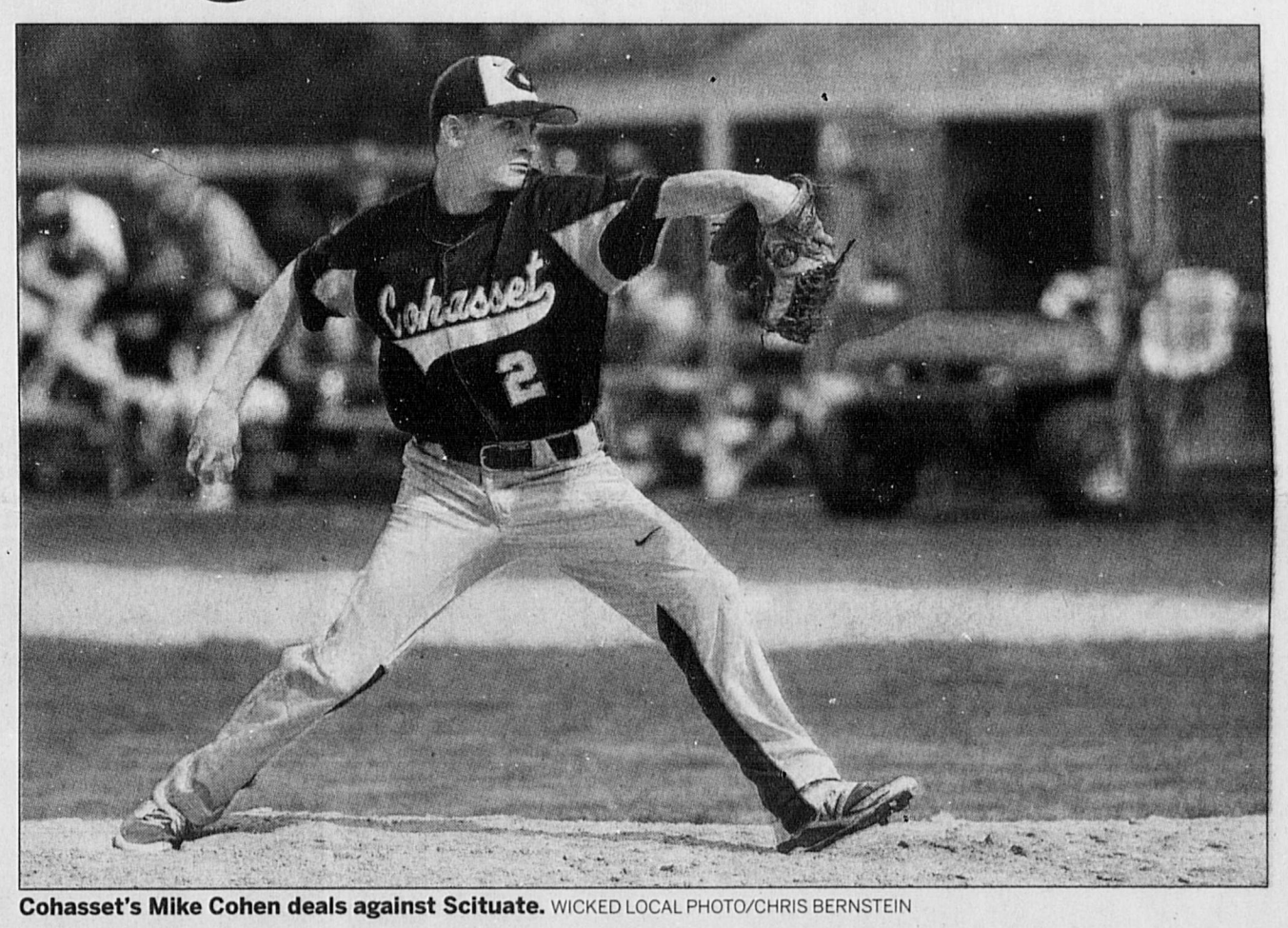

Cohasset's Mike Cohen deals against Scituate. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lighting it up

Laxwomen improve to 7-0 with blowout victories

The Cohasset Mariner

If there's one thing the Cohasset girls lacrosse team does about as well as anyone, it is scoring.On the way to a 7-0 start to the season, Cohasset has put the ball in the net - a lot, and that didn't change when the girls faced their toughest challenge of the season when the Wellesley Raiders visited Alumni field on a warm Friday afternoon, April 22. The Skippers were looking to avenge a 9-8 overtime loss from last season and made sure this one would not be as close, pulling away in the second half for a 15-7 win.

Cohasset was stifled on their first two shot attempts by the Raiders goalie before Jane Hansen caused a turnover, raced 60 yards and ripped a shot into the top left corner for a 1-0 lead. The Skippers increased the lead to 2-0 as Callie O'Neill passed to Corey Golden for the score. Wellesley notched their first goal of the day to make it 2-1 but Cohasset rallied again and took a 5-2 lead into the half.

The second half started with Golden rolling the crease to fire home her second score and increase the lead to 6-2 before the Raiders got hot and scored four in a row to tie it at 6-6 with 17 minutes to play. From that point on, the Skippers completely dominated the game going on a 9-1 run to close the door on any potential Wellesley comeback. During the final run, Elle Hansen scored three of her five goals on the day and assisted on two more scores by Jane Hansen who finished with four goals and two assists. Marina Longo scored off a great pass from Kyle Burke and Golden cemented the victory with two scores to finish with four goals on the day. Goalie Jenny Wolfe was oustanding in net all game with a career high 10 saves including a highlight reel stuff on a Raider breakaway that looked like a sure goal.

Monday, April 25, the Skippers traveled to face a strong Walpole squad in a battle of unbeaten teams. Cohasset came out firing again as Lauren Cunning won the opening draw and raced into the offensive zone. After the clearing play by Cunning, Corey Golden found Caelin McDonald cutting in front for a nice lefty snipe and a 1-0 lead. The Skippers found the back of the net twice more to take a 3-0 lead and eventually won a hard fought battle 21-12.

Elle Hansen put up another 10 point effort with seven goals and three assists, Golden notched four goals and three assists, Marina Longo had two goals and two assists, McDonald finished with three points (2 goals, 1 assist), Jane Hansen had a hat trick and Ally Leahy found the back of the cage twice.

Kyle Burke showed her usual grit and fire battling for two draw controls, six ground balls and three caused turnovers.

Wednesday, the Skipppers improved to 7-0 with a 19-2 road win at East Bridgewater. Maddie O'Neill led the way with five goals, while Olivia Coveney, Leahy, Kate Quigley, Longo and Eleanor Wright each scored twice.

Julia Placek, Emma Stephens and Anne Toomey added single goals.

Longo and Laney Hixson each had four draw controls, while Burke, Eleanor Young and Elise Wimberly chipped in two each. Hixson and Aidan Chamberlain also had assists.

Leahy had three assists, while Coveney and Longo had two each.

The girls will back in action Friday, April 28 at Norwell with control of the South Shore League at stake. The draw is at 5:30 p.m.

The girls are at Duxbury Monday, May 2 at 4 p.m. and host Abington Tuesday, May 3 at 4 p.m. and host Hanover Friday, May 6 at 4 p.m.

Cohasset's Julia Placek looks to pass the ball out against Hull. Placek had a goal against East Bridgewater. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

GIRLS TENNIS

Great start

Girls begin season with strong play

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset girls tennis team is playing well in the early part of the season, and look like a team that is going to continue that success.

"We are off to a great start at 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the league," Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan said. Monday Cohasset played Abington at home and won 5-0. Winners were: Caroline Van Etten, Holly Van Etten and Sophie

Wolfe in singles, while the duo of Nikki Federle/Meg Rosano and Sophie Matthews/Emily Rosano won in doubles.

The girls played at East Bridgewater Wednesday April 27 and won 4-1.

Winners were: Caroline Van Etten at first singles and Ryan Spicer at third singles.

Nikki Federle and Sophie Matthews, along with Maya Placek and Caroline O'Brien won the doubles matches.

At No. 2 singles, Holly Van Etten played a brilliant match and lost 5-7 in a third set.

The Junior Varsity also had a home match against Norwell Wednesday and came out winners. Before the break the JV played NDA and had great success as well.

"Overall the tennis has been solid and many players are stepping up to the varsity level," Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan said. "The talent pool we have is deep."

Cohasset's Liam O'Connell rounds second base for a triple with the bases full, driving home three runs against Scituate. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/ CHRIS BERNSTEIN

BASEBALL

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came back big-time with a 17-1 win over Rockland, Wednesday April 27.

In the Rockland win, Nick Hall and Zack Silva combined to go 10-for-10.

Hall went 5-for-5 with 6 RBI's, while Silva had four hits and knocked in four runs.

Michael Cohen picked up the win on the mound.

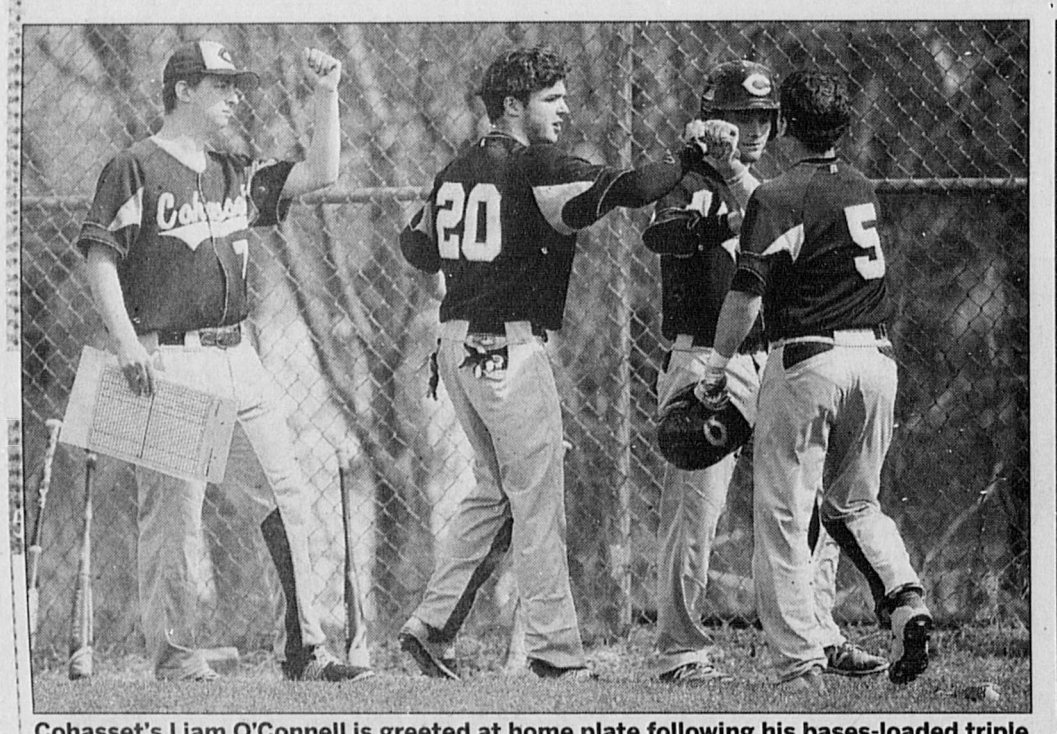
"The team has been competing incredibly hard," Cohasset coach Mike Larsen said. "We've just been waiting for the bats to wake up. The team didn't let a tough nine-inning walk off loss on Saturday to Scituate get them down. They came out swinging putting up 17 runs on Rockland."

In Saturday's loss, Xander Schubert tossed seven innings, allowing three hits and 0 earned runs.

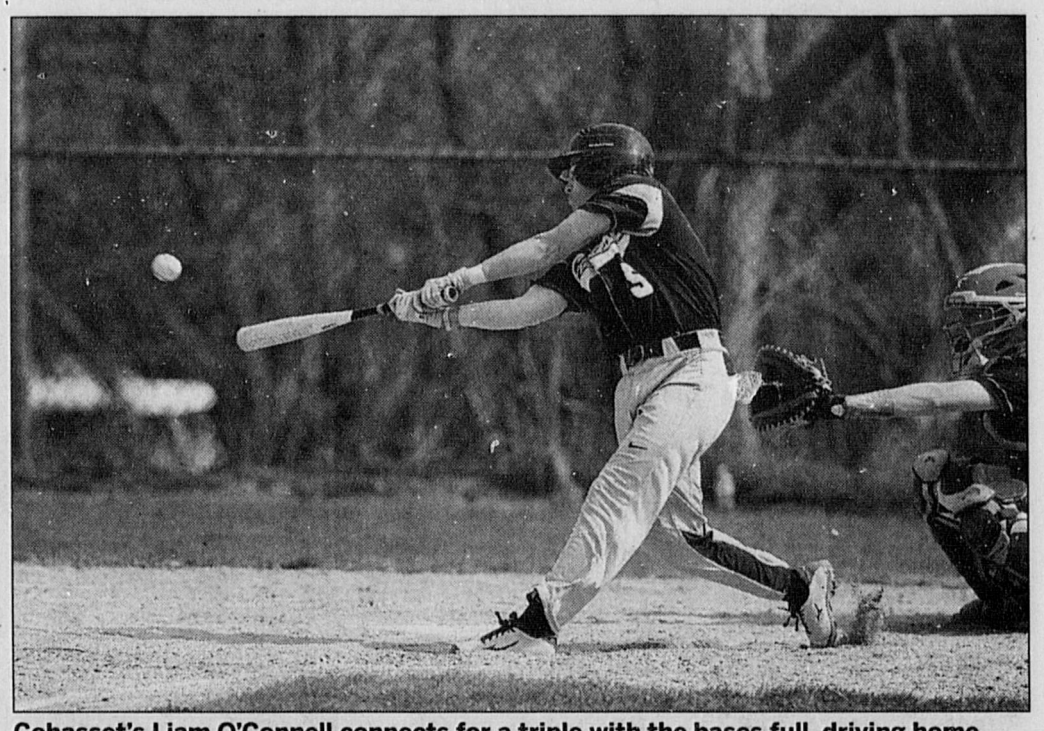
Cohasset was in action Thursday, April 28, hosting Mashpee (result unavailable at press time)

They'll be at East Bridgewater May 3 at 4 p.m., then at Randolph May 5 at 4 p.m.

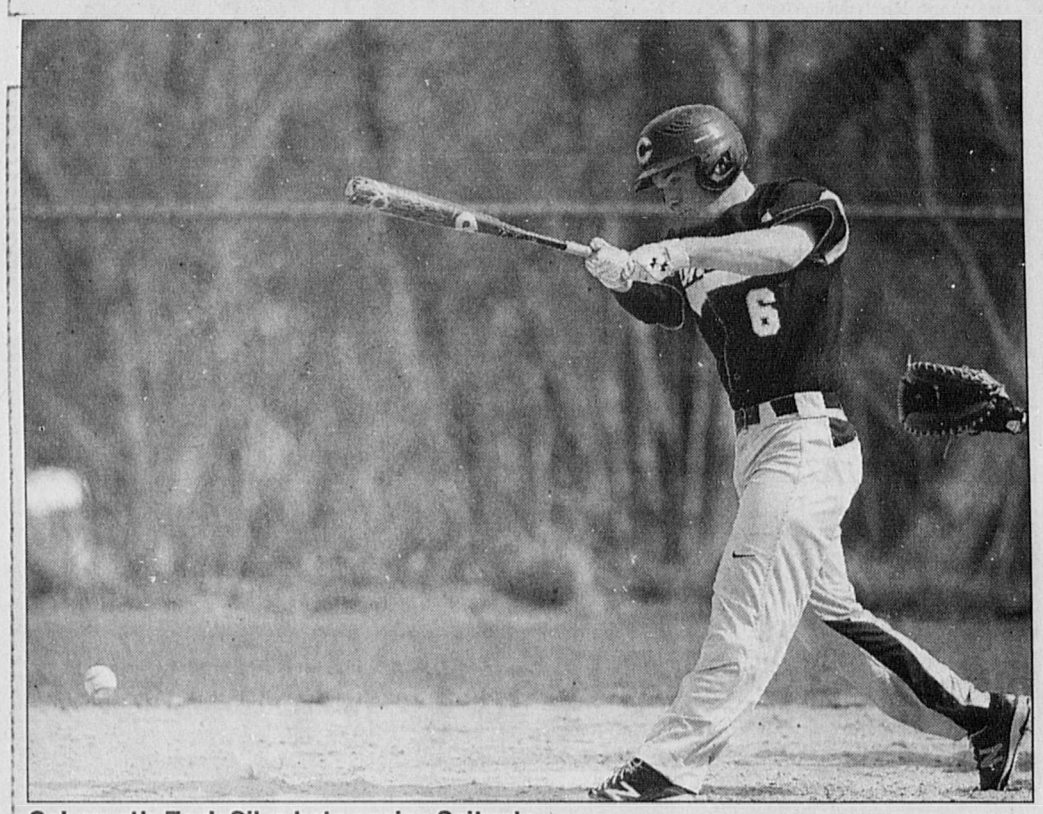
Rockland will visit Friday May 6 at 4 p.m.



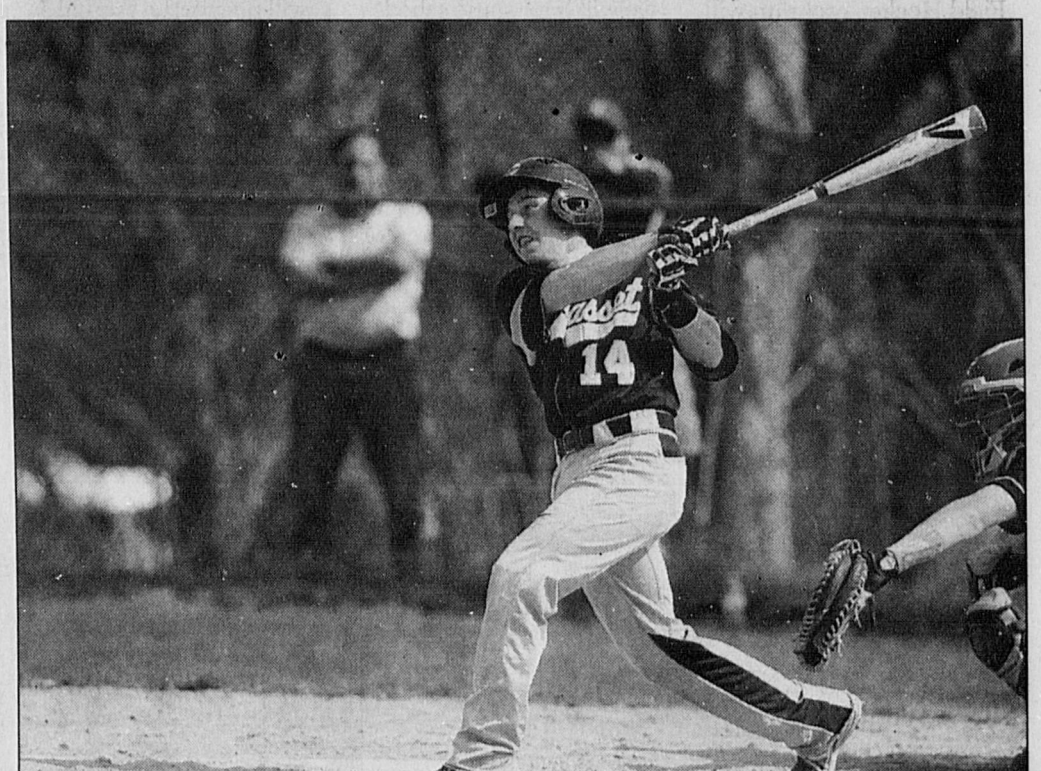
Cohasset's Liam O'Connell is greeted at home plate following his bases-loaded triple that drove home three runs against Scituate.



Cohasset's Liam O'Connell connects for a triple with the bases full, driving home three runs against Scituate.



Cohasset's Zack Silva bats agains Scituate.



Cohasset's Mike Mulonoski at bat against Scituate.

CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

WHEN DAY CAMP IS CHILD CARE: Benefits Exist for the Entire Family

By Bette S. Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

Day camps offer safe, child-centered environments away from home. Several benefits of a quality day camp experience include: increased self-confidence and self esteem, improved independence and leadership skills and enhanced social skills. Playing and learning with other children in a non-academic setting develops many skills that children will use when they return to school in the fall. Individual and group decision making opportunities, activities that foster cooperation and compromise, practice in taking directions from adults other than parents and teachers, and encouragement to try new things and take safe risks are some day camp experiences that directly influence children's learning and development.

Sending a dependent child under the age of 13 to day camp so a parent can work or attend school qualifies as a dependent care expense. The size of the tax benefit allowable by law varies because it is based on parent income. I recommend that parents consult an accountant or tax advisor about how to claim this benefit, which can save a family hundreds of dollars annually. This tax benefit applies only to day camps, not overnight camps.

Don't assume that day camp regulation and child care regulation are the same. State regulations vary. It's a very good idea to ask how and by whom a day camp is regulated. One purpose of the ACA Accreditation program is to educate camp owners and directors in the administration of key aspects of camp operation, particularly those related to program quality and the health and safety of campers and staff. The standards establish guidelines for needed policies, procedures, and practices. The camp is then responsible for the ongoing implementation of the policies. More information is available at: www.acanewengland.org

Some day camps with hours that don't match the traditional work day offer before and/or after camp care for the campers. Ask about where before and after camp care takes place, how the children are grouped, which staff members care for the children, what activities are offered, and what additional fees are involved. Additional day camp search considerations include: transportation, lunch, rainy-day logistics, and how communication between camp and home takes place.

Day camps offer optimal environments for children during the summer! While parents are at work or school, day campers have the chance to learn and experience so many activities, many of them in the out-of-doors: Sunshine-filled days with friends, swimming lessons, nature hikes and/or field trips, picnics, non-competitive games, skill building and competition in a variety of individual and team sports, opportunities to create and experience fine and performing arts, safe risk-taking activities and many more are in store for your child at day camp!

The American Camp Association, New England—the region's hub for all things summer camp—supports camp experiences, educates camp professionals & staff, consults on camp best practices and advocates for camp quality. For additional camp information and resources in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI & VT, visit www.acanewengland.org or call (781) 541-6080.

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CYBSA

PITCH, HIT & RUN

New competition is Saturday, April 30 after parade

CYBSA will be hosting an exciting skills competition for baseball and softball players aged 7-14, sponsored by Major League Baseball, called Pitch, Hit, & Run. The event is fun, simple, quick, and offers the chance to compete at three other levels, with the hopes of making it to the finals during Major League Baseball's All-Star week.

As the name implies, this is a contest of pitching, hitting, and running, and is simple enough and fun for any age and any skill level to play. Throw six pitches, take three swings, and run two bases – that's all there is to it. A detailed scoring system will determine which (and how many) of our players will move on to sectional competition later in May. There will be 1-3 winners from each of the following (ages 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14 in each baseball and softball) so between 8 and 24 winners overall. Note that ages are determined as of July 17, 2016.

To highlight this great new event, it will be held immediately at the conclusion of the April 30 Opening Day Parade festivities on all three fields of the Barnes complex. We aim to start with the 7 and 8-year olds at 10 a.m., then go to the 9 and 10 year-olds at 10:30. Ages 11 and 12 are at 11 a.m. the day concludes with ages 13 and 14 at 11:30.

The league recognizes that town soccer may cause a conflict and will accept participants who can't come at the prescribed time, so long as they arrive by noon. The contest takes just a few minutes per participant and registration cards / waivers will be at the event and need to be filled out by a parent.

Pitch, Hit, and Run is a brand new event for the CYBSA, although it has been around for many years, and the league hopes it will become an annual event. While it is a competition, the main goal – as with everything else in CYBSA – is for the kids to have fun.

REVOLUTION

"Play, Eat, Score" contest for youth soccer teams to feature surprise visits

Papa Gino's and the New England Revolution are teaming up for a fourth consecutive year for the "Play, Eat, Score" contest. The contest awards five local New England youth soccer teams with the ultimate prize: a surprise visit from a Revolution player and a Papa Gino's pizza party at their soccer practice.

"The Revolution are proud to once again partner with Papa Gino's for the "Play, Eat, Score" contest," said New England Revolution President, Brian Bilello. "Papa Gino's has been a fantastic supporter of the Revolution and we are excited to be able to work with them again to give some of our young fans a chance to meet and learn from their Revolution heroes while enjoying Papa Gino's pizza."

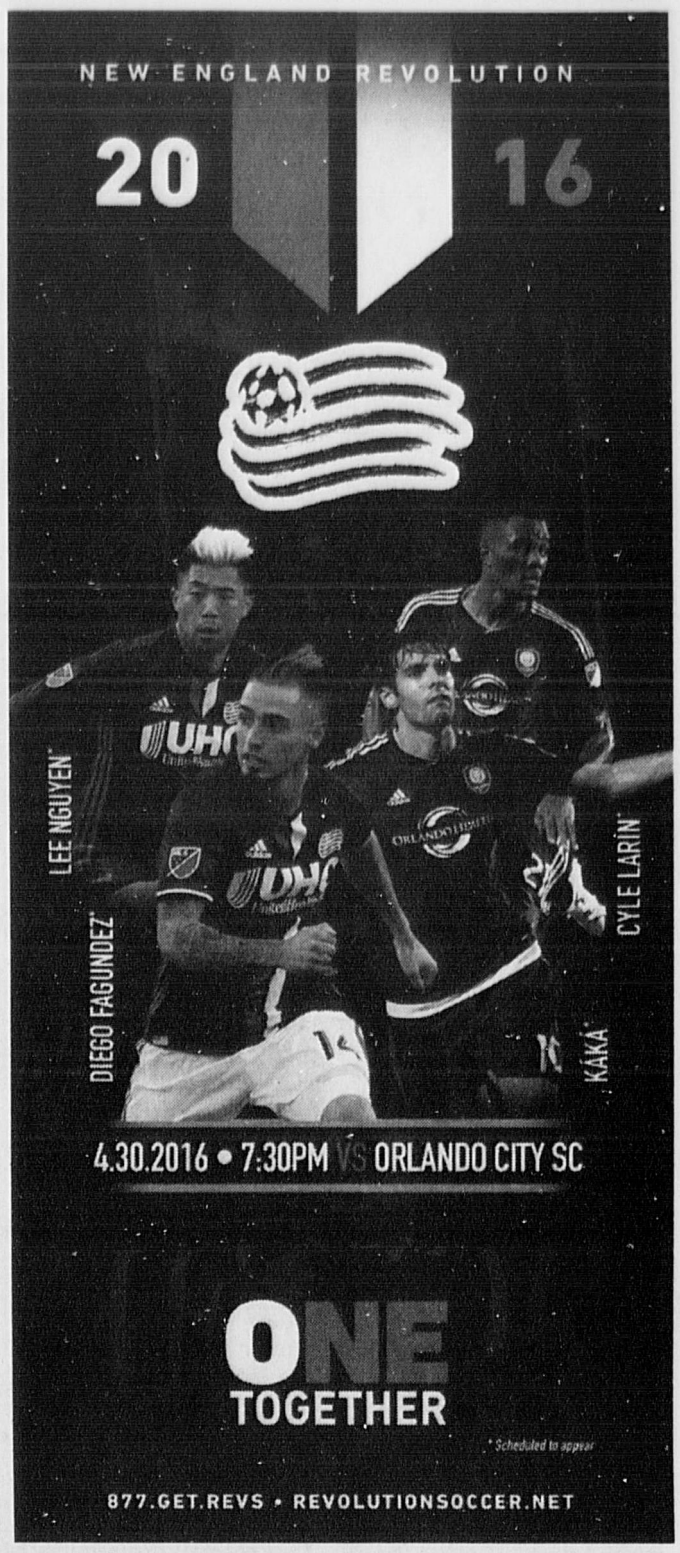
Teams can be nominated to win "Play, Eat, Score" through an entry form that can be found online at www.revolutionsoccer.net, the official website of the Revolution. Coaches, family members and players are encouraged to enter their teams. Winners will be selected and awarded from April – June 2016.

Last year, the "Play, Eat, Score" program connected a number of Revolution stars with local youth soccer organizations. Players such as Darrius Barnes, Steve Neumann, Brad Knighton and Scott Caldwell attended a practice session of the winning teams, helping teach the young players some of the skills and drills that they learned on their path to becoming pros, while also delivering Papa Gino's pizza to the teams.

"Papa Gino's truly believes in this program," said CEO Mark DeBlois. "It's a great opportunity for youth athletes to meet and practice with their role models and enjoy a pizza party from New England's hometown pizzeria."

In addition to the surprise visit and Papa Gino's Pizza Party, each winning team receives a prize pack that includes great items from both Papa Gino's and the New England Revolution.

To enter your team to win, please visit www.revolutionsoccer.net/playeatscore and tell us why your team should have a Revolution player deliver the prize package to your practice.



SPORTS BRIEF

Cohasset Field Hockey Fall registration opening

Grades 4-8 opens April 25

Registration for the fall Field Hockey program will be starting Monday April 25 and go through May 31 for girls entering fourth through eighth grade in the fall.

All girls entering the fourth or fifth grade in the fall can register at: https://go.teamsnap.com/divisions/87472/registration/29022/register/new

The league will have practices on Sunday afternoons beginning the first week in September and will play in the annual Jamboree in October at Cohasset High School. Additionally we will have some scheduled games locally held on the weekends.

Girls will need shin guards, mouth guards and cage eye wear. The league will provide sticks for those who don't have.

All girls entering grades 6 through 8 in the fall can register at: https://go.teamsnap.com/divisions/87472/registration/28720/register/new

Practices will be twice per week for two hours and each grade will play approximately 10 games both home and away. All teams will play in the annual Jamboree in October

The league will be holding a pre-season clinic in June for all girls to meet the coaches and measure for shirts (all) and skorts/skirts. Additionally we will have two field trips to watch college games as a team.

Lastly - the league is looking for two-three field hockey coaches and volunteers.

If you are interested in coaching a team (prior field hockey experience required) or volunteering to help coach please contact Beth Marsden at bmarsden62@gmail.com

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LACROSSE

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to bring the team and their collected trash back to the Town docks. The Cohasset DPW came by to collect the trash later in the afternoon.

This was the ninth Earth Day Cleanup for the lacrosse teams (the girls team was unable to make this year's event).

The Board of the CCT wishes to thank the team again for giving up time during their school vacation week to mark Earth Day.

Thank you also to the Harbormaster and the DPW for making this a true community event.

The Cohasset boys lacrosse team cleaned up Bassing Beach for Earth Day, April 22.
COURTESY PHOTO

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COHASSET HALL OF FAME

Accepting nominations

The Cohasset High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Hall of Fame Class. Families, friends, fans, and CHS Alumni are asked to assist the Hall of Fame Committee in putting together Hall of Fame application packets for prospective candidates for the November 2016 induction. The Hall of Fame Committee will be voting on nominated teams in May and nominated individuals in June. In order for a candidate or team to be considered a nomination packet must be completed on their behalf. Packets will be available at the following locations:

The Main Office of Cohasset High School, The Cohasset Recreation Office at Town Hall, The Cohasset Historical Society, The Cohasset Town Library.

You may also visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Cohasset-High-School-Athletic-Hall-of-Fame/119142731441012

You may visit us at our Cohasset High School Athletic Hall of Fame webpage and download the nomination information at: http://www.cohassetk12.org/Page/132

You can also reach the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee by contacting Athletic Director Ron Ford at:
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STATE SENATE RACE

Question of the week

Candidates for State Senate in the Plymouth and Norfolk district responded to the following question of the week:

Coastal concerns affect a great majority of the district's homeowners and businesses. From infrastructure work on seawalls and dredging projects, to flood insurance costs and the impacts of sea level rise on the region, what will be your focus to best help the communities address these issues?

Patrick O'Connor, Republican

When you love something, you protect it. The South Shore is more than just a senate district, it is our home and the most beautiful coastline of our state, deserving utmost respect and protection.

Seawalls, dredging, flooding, and sea level rise are ongoing issues that require constant attention and action. I worked on these issues for eight years as a Legislative Director, so I am prepared to pick up where we left off with seawall repair, flood mapping, and dredging.

The most recent example of my work on this issue at the State House was the Dam and Seawall Repair Act. For Hull, we secured $3 million to repair the seawalls along Crescent Beach and protect Atlantic Avenue from overwash and debris. Scituate received another $3 million to rebuild the Oceanside Drive seawall, where flooding often occurs. Over the years, we were able to secure millions across the district for seawalls.

As sea levels rise, our district is being confronted with a serious reality. For long term solutions, we must combat the root cause of the problem instead of patching up the consequences. I am a firm believer in clean, renewable energy, and support lifting the cap on solar, water, and wind power from within the Senate. I am against gas fracking and I want to significantly cut our fuel emissions by reducing our heavy reliance on gas and oil. We must use our waterways both practically and efficiently, without polluting our marshes, bogs, and rivers.

As a coastal community, climate change and flooding is becoming more pressing with each year, and it is reflected in our flood insurance rates. I plan to work with the Federal Government to secure aid for shoreline homeowners so that living in the South Shore does not come at such an enormous price.

We are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful areas of New England. It is up to us to keep it that way, and I will push to provide every opportunity to do so from a place in the Senate. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 10.

Joan Meschino, Democrat

Coastal issues are critical to our communities and will be a top priority for me as your State Senator. Climate change and sea level rise have and will continue to have profound and long term implications on each of the communities in the district. As State Senator, I will take a comprehensive approach to climate change and its devastating side effects. If the coastal communities of the South Shore speak as one united voice on issues like coastal protection structures, emergency response planning, flood maps, and storm damage mitigation, we will have more leverage. Sea level rise, ocean warming, and climate change impact our local economies, the security of where we live, and the health of our unique ecosystem. For this, the South Shore needs a strong advocate on Beacon Hill.

I have spent more than a decade working on sea level mitigation strategies as a former Hull Selectman and current member of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. As State Senator, I will request an appointment to the Senate Committee on Global Warming & Climate Change to ensure that the South Shore has a strong, independent voice on an issue that disproportionately impacts our eight communities.

I am proud to be the only candidate to have released a comprehensive plan that addresses the issues of sea level rise and increased insurance rates from the new FEMA flood maps. This plan includes the following measures:

- Fully funding capital investments in coastline protection structures (seawalls, revetments, etc.) recommended by the Massachusetts Coastal Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment Project and MAPC.
- Working with state and federal legislative delegation to lobby for Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants for the South Shore.
- Convening regular meetings with local boards of selectmen and conservation commissioners from across the district focused on climate change adaptation and preparedness issues.
- Terminating plans to build a gas compressor station proposed at Fore River Bridge in Weymouth, because energy infrastructure investments should be focused on renewables and safe projects.

As your State Senator, I will be a strong, independent voice in the Senate, and I will always put our communities first.

POLITICS

Democratic lawmakers back Meschino for senate

State senate candidate Joan Meschino, has been endorsed by South Shore State Representatives Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, Jim Cantwell, D-Marshfield and Josh Cutler, D-Duxbury. Meschino won a contested Democratic primary election April 12 and faces Republican candidate Patrick O'Connor in the May 10 special senate election.

Representatives Garrett Bradley, Jim Cantwell, and Josh Cutler currently represent six out of the eight communities in the South Shore's State Senate district – Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, and Scituate.

"I'm proud to support Joan Meschino's campaign for State Senate," said Bradley. The South Shore needs a strong, independent voice in the senate, and that is Joan Meschino. Joan will represent the entire South Shore, and put our needs as a region first. I look forward to working with her in the legislature."

Meschino said she was pleased to have the support of local legislators.

"I am very excited to have Garrett, Jim, and Josh supporting my candidacy," she said. "As State Senator, I will work collaboratively with the South Shore legislative delegation to ensure that our region is getting the resources it deserves and that issues impacting our communities are addressed. From tackling the opioid epidemic ravaging our communities, to collaborating to be a unified voice on issues of sea level rise and FEMA flood maps, to supporting our local and regional economy, I look forward to getting to work."

Born and raised on the South Shore, Meschino lives in Hull with her husband, John. In addition to being a former Hull Selectman, Meschino is currently a member of Metropolitan Beaches Commission and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Meschino most recently ran a local non-profit organization and has extensive experience working in the private sector.

POLITICS

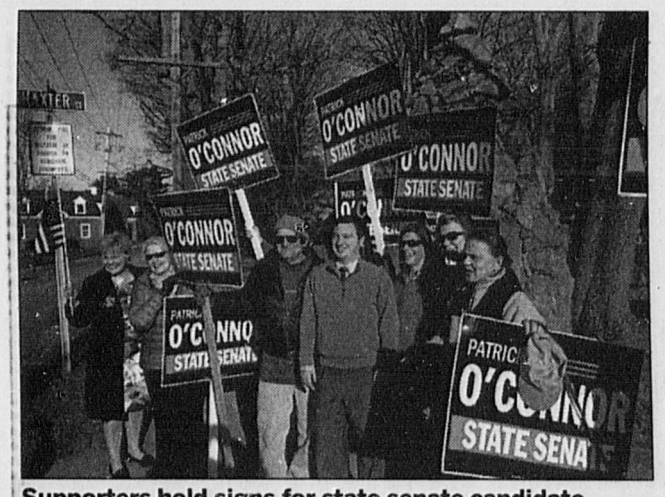
O'Connor addresses voters of the South Shore

I want to take this opportunity to speak directly and candidly to my friends and neighbors of the South Shore. With the current state of our economy and the opioid epidemic, it is essential that our next State Senator be fully equipped and qualified to represent the Plymouth & Norfolk District at the State House.

I know that I am that candidate. Having been born and raised in the South Shore, I know and understand the desires and concerns of my fellow community members. Growing up in Weymouth, I saw firsthand the drug epidemic indiscriminately devastating our generation. As Town Councilor, I addressed the concerns of our constituency and advocated for job growth, neighborhood safety, and public health. Working for you in the State House as Bob Hedlund's Legislative Director, I helped draft and file bills, push legislation through the Senate, grow our local economies, and address constituent needs throughout the district.

At the State House, I promise to fight for you as I always have. We must unite as a District and as a Commonwealth to address the issues and produce lasting results. By working together with South Shore residents, Governor Baker, and the Massachusetts State Senate, I believe I can make the Plymouth & Norfolk District a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, May 10.

Out for O'Connor



Supporters hold signs for state senate candidate Patrick O'Connor recently along Route 3A in Hingham.
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Senate candidate Patrick O'Connor and supporter Bob Michalski of Weymouth at an April 22 luncheon for WWII and Korean War Veterans in Weymouth.

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State senate campaign events

Meschino hosting Countdown to Election Day event in Marshfield

Joan Meschino, the Democratic nominee for state senate, will host a Countdown to Election Day event Wednesday, May 4 at the Marshfield Tavern (1 Proprietors Drive, Marshfield). The event will begin at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call Adam at (617) 733-3751.

Gov. Baker to attend Weymouth rally for O'Connor

Join Gov. Charlie Baker at Weymouth's Legion Field for a pre-election weekend rally for Patrick O'Connor's campaign for the Massachusetts State Senate. The event will take place Saturday, May 7 from 2-3:45 p.m. All are welcome to come out and meet the governor and support O'Connor. This is a free event and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Gov. Baker to attend weekend rally for O'Connor in Hull

Gov. Charlie Baker is coming to Hull Saturday, May 7 for a weekend rally in support of Patrick O'Connor's campaign for State Senate. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Patrick and the Governor will greet guests at The Red Parrot, located at 1 Hull Shore Drive, from 4-6 p.m., where food and drink will be served. Admission is complimentary but donations are greatly appreciated.

SOUTH SHORE CHAMBER

Senate candidates face off at forum

By Neal Simpson

State senate candidates Patrick O'Connor and Joan Meschino agree on a lot of things – including divisive issues such as marijuana legalization and charter-schools caps – but the role of the Legislature in guiding development on the South Shore is not one of them.

The topic emerged as one of few points of significant disagreement between the two candidates Tuesday morning as they sat down at a forum on economic issues sponsored by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. The lightly attended forum was held two weeks ahead of the May 10 special election to fill the seat held for 22 years by Robert Hedlund, a Weymouth Republican who resigned after he was elected the town's mayor last year.

Both candidates for the seat spoke of a need for new housing and redevelopment in parts of the South Shore, but Meschino, a Democrat and former Hull selectwoman, said she favors a zoning reform bill that would give local officials more flexibility to adjust building rules, while O'Connor, a Republican and president of the Weymouth Town Council, said he would oppose efforts by state lawmakers to get involved in local zoning decisions.

"As far as zoning goes, those issues, I believe, are strictly local," said O'Connor, who served as a legislative director for Hedlund before Hedlund left office.

The candidates' differing views stem from a Senate bill that supporters say would modernize and simplify the state's zoning and planning laws to encourage the development of affordable housing while giving municipal officials more flexibility to pursue the kinds of projects they want in their communities. It has been filed for several years but has failed to gain traction in the Senate.

O'Connor compared the bill to the state's affordable-housing law, also known as Chapter 40B, which many local officials dislike because it allows developers to circumvent local building rules by including housing units considered affordable by the state in their projects. O'Connor gave several examples of 40B projects in the district that local officials opposed that he said didn't end up including housing that was actually affordable for the people who could take advantage of it.

"These tools that the state gave to municipalities, and gave to developers, go both ways and we've seen that happen multiple times," he said.

Meschino, a member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, accused O'Connor of misunderstanding the proposed legislation and said it would only give local leaders additional tools to encourage the kinds of developments they want.

"We need state senators to lay the foundation and make the tools available so that the municipalities can actually put the pieces in place, otherwise nobody here in this room is going to be able to do the kind of economic development that you really want," she said.

The candidates agreed on a range of issues at other times during the hour-long discussion, including their opposition to legalizing marijuana and lifting charter school caps and their support for increasing funding for the MBTA, possibly through fare increases. The event was held at the new Range Bar & Grille in Hingham and was moderated by chamber president Peter Forman.

The winner of the May 10 election will represent a district consisting of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth.

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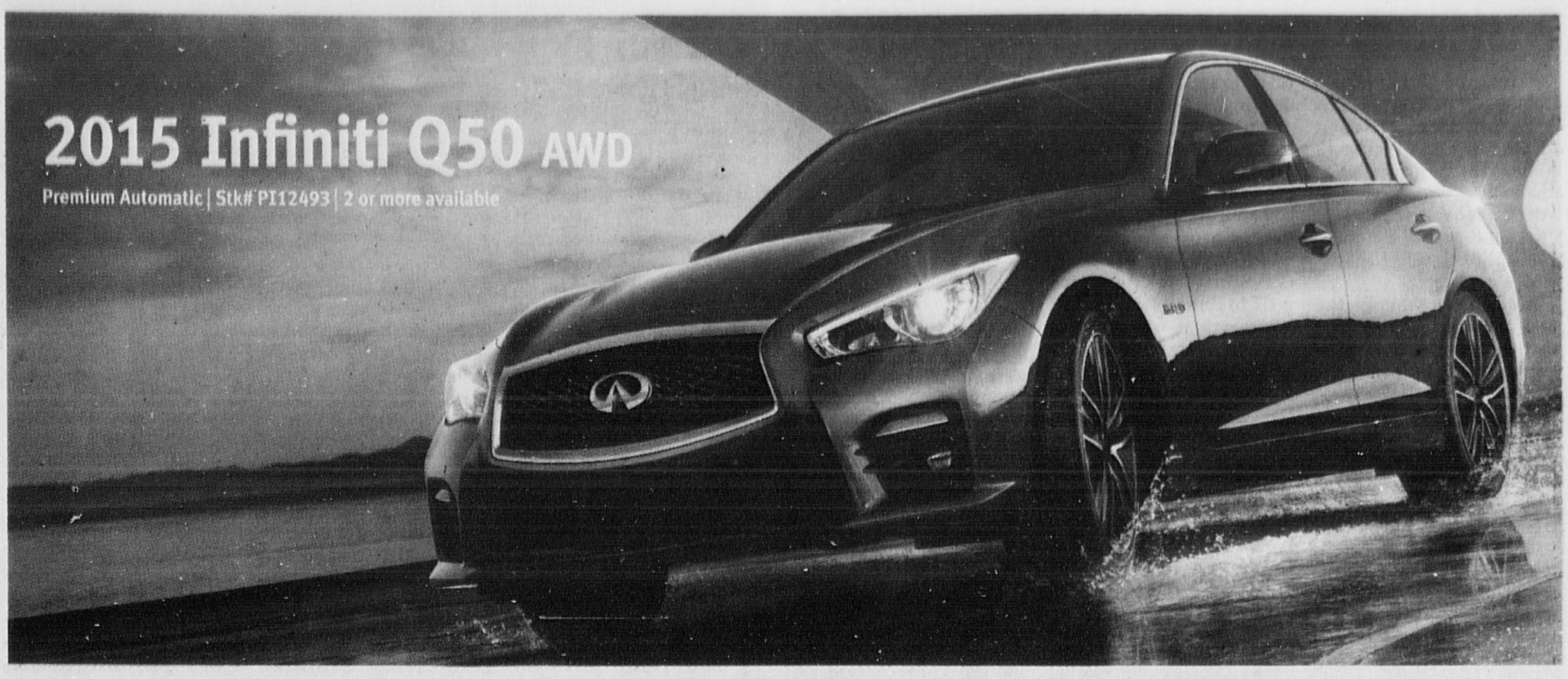

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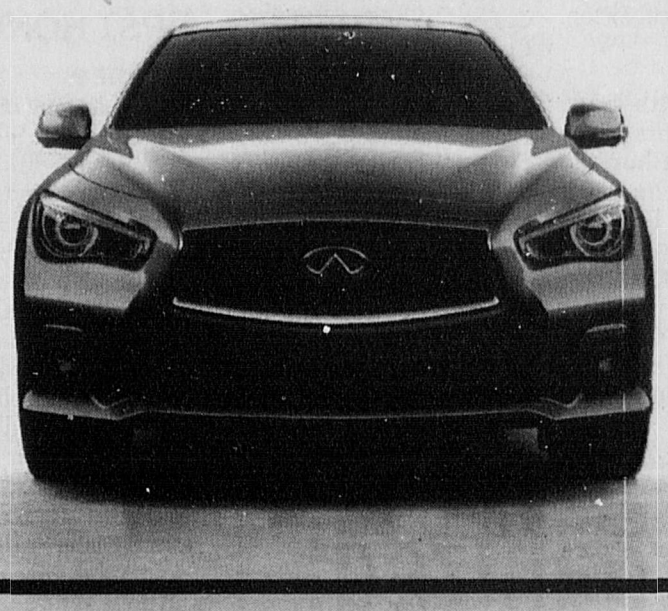

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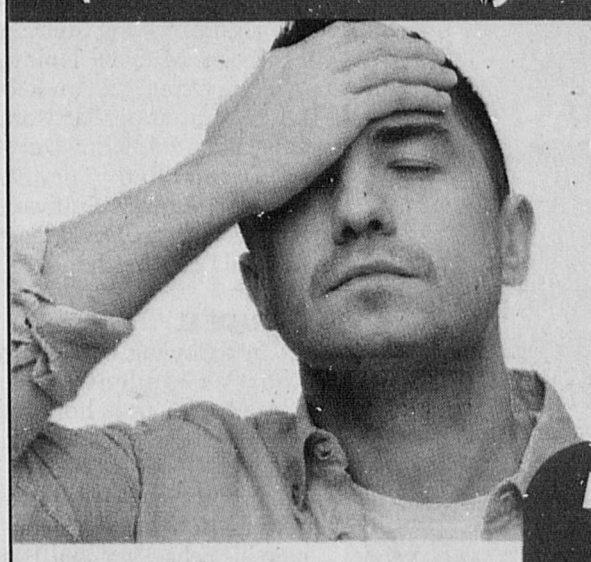

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GIRL SCOUT

Miranda Schmidt in 500 Club

Miranda Schmidt, a Cohasset Girl Scout, earned recognition as a member of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' 500 Club, a distinction for girls who sell 500 or more packages of cookies during the annual December through March cookie sale.

Miranda was among the 304 council girls to achieve this level of cookie program success. She sold 501 packages.

During the Cookie Program, girls work toward a common objective as part of a team, learning goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. Service contribution is emphasized through the Cookies for a Cause initiative, a program through which customers purchase Girl Scout Cookies for the girls to donate to military organizations, food pantries and other local charities.

During the 2015-16 cookie season in eastern Massachusetts, more than 22,000 girls sold more than 2 million packages of cookies.

Miranda Schmidt was among members of the 500 Club honored at a recent Boston Celtics game. COURTESY PHOTO

SEPAC

Assistive Technology is meeting topic

Cohasset Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is pleased to host Assistive Technology: Executive Functioning Applications & Kurzweil Software workshop presented by Courtney Rose Dykeman-Bermingham. The presentation will be held at the school district's Administrative Offices in the Community Room (143 Pond St.) onTuesday, May 3rd from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your devices!

Having the technology is just the first step. For proper implementation of the technology, students need to understand how to use it efficiently. Not every new app will help a student academically, but many can further support students to reach their full potential.

At this workshop, many of those applications and websites, particularly those that address executive functioning, time management and organization, will also be discussed. This workshop will address the strengths of many apps and compare similar apps to help you find your best fit.

Kurzweil is more than a screen reader; it can help students organize their notes, better comprehend their reading, improve their recall of the material and make finding specific passages easier. Kurzweil has much to offer students and this presentation explores the many features and how to access them to unlock the program's full potential.

Courtney Rose Dykeman-Bermingham is training to become an Assistive Technology Specialist. Currently she is a senior at Mount Holyoke College majoring in Neuroscience. Last summer she interned at NESCA where she developed a Summer Seminar Series on Assistive Technology, and provided assistive technology tutorials. Through those offerings, she was able to educate and train students, families, educators and advocates on various assistive technology options available today. Currently, she volunteers at her college's AccessAbility Services (AAS) office. Through that position, she supports students as they transition into college life, and work to overcome difficulties related to disabilities and transition. Additionally, she has presented workshops and offered tutorials on the use of assistive technology at her college

The presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on this or other discussions on the South Shore, visit Facebook page and www.CohassetSEPAC.org.

APPLAUSE

CHS honor roll for Term 3

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 9

The following ninth-grade Cohasset students were named with high honors to the Cohasset High School honor roll: Bradley Albanese, Elizabeth Arnold, Nathaniel Arnold, Olivia Budington, Hanna Burnett, Lily Burnett, Jane Cavanaro, Brendan Cooper, Ian Dunkelberger, Joseph Fox, Jenna Herman, Caroline Hess, Michael Hill, Maeve Humphrey, David Lemoine, Brendan Lewis, Margaret Lucier, Matthew Lucitt, Scott Lucitt, Turner Martell, Andrew McSheffrey, Lucie Novelline, Julia Placek, Rachel Regan, Emma Stephens, Bryan Thomas, Henry Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas, Ann Toomey, Holly Van Etten, Elise Wimberly, Bridget Wixted and Elizabeth Zheng.

GRADE 10

The following 10th-grade Cohasset students were named with high honors: Grace Alves, Madison Beach, Ryan Chomphunut, Olivia Coveney, Matthew Dickey, Brian Doyle, Michael Fechter, Jillian Forrester, Kyle McFetridge and Margaret Norton.

GRADE 11

The following 11th-grade Cohasset students were named with high honors: Joseph Campedelli, Ryan Conforti, Brigid Driscoll, Emma Humphrey, Marina Longo, Sophie Matthews, Michael McKelvey, Emma Morris, Liam O'Connell, Danielle Picot, Andrew Skolnick, Daniel Varney and Yvette Wenner.

GRADE 12

The following 12th-grade Cohasset students were named with high honors: Olivia Arnold, Kyle Burke, Joseph Cavanaro, Molly Cunning, Kerry Dunn, Alba Fernandez, Katherine Gibbons, Morgan Healey, Alexandra Lanier, Natalie McFetridge, Madigan O'Neill, Emily Rosano, Nicholas Rosen, Julia Stanganelli, Nancy Thomas and Sophie Wolfe.

SECOND HONORS

GRADE 9

The following ninth-grade Cohasset students were named with second honors: Judith Barzey, Thomas Broderick, Eoghan Casey, Anna Cunnie, Katarina Dutton, Mason Fitzgerald, Leah Fredey, Benjamin Grimes, Aidan Kearns, Mark Mahoney, Michael Milanoski, Jared Seebeck, Courtney Shanley, Cole Speer, Ian Turpel and Lydia Vigneau.

GRADE 10

The following 10th-grade Cohasset students were named with second honors: Alexander Arnold, Montanna Cassel, Aidan Chamberlain, Hailey Chenette, Thomas Coffey, Caitlin Conrad, Luca Curatola, Jaylen Fonfield, Noah Froio, Liam Geyer, Grant Guempel, Patrick Hagearty, Samuel Lelio, Colby Litchfield, Jack Mahoney, Katherine McCarthy, Victor Najjar, James Norton III, Cora Quinlan, Joshua Rosen, Nickolas Slamp, Henry Snyder, Harrison Timothy and Scott Whelan.

GRADE 11

The following 11th-grade Cohasset students were named with second honors: Liliana Astino, Daniel Baldry, Dulaney Bernstein, Lukas Brown, George Bryan, Mitchell Buckley, Michael Cohen, Henry Dormitzer, Gavin Dunkelberger, Thomas Durkin, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Mackenzie Greene, Ellen Jackisch, Mathias Loft, Charlotte Marcelli, Alexandra Martini, Megan McElgunn, Kathleen McKeon, Anne Marie Miscioscia, Dagny Nies, Caroline O'Brien, Reed Parks, Maggie Queenan, Katherine Talacci, Nicole Tolosko and Jennifer Wolfe.

GRADE 12

The following 12th-grade Cohasset students were named with second honors: Riley Austin, Daniel Axelson, Evan Canney, Luke Carlyle, Meghan Considine, Julia Curtin, Wyatt Dominguez, Megan Dooley, Robert Driscoll, Maxwell Fitzgerald, Corey Golden, Brittany Guempel, Nicholas Hall, Madison Jones, Rachael Karlberg, Shea Kearney, Lauren McManus, Benjamin Moy, Kyle O'Brien, Andrew Rosano, Bennett Tierney, Maria Waters and Maxwell Whetstone.

FIRST HONORS

GRADE 9

The following ninth-grade Cohasset students were named with first honors: Jessica Adley, Lindsey Beiche, Morgan Cingari, Isabela Di Lillo, Eleanor Dunn, Caleigh Durkin, Nicholas Evans, Jackson Fitzgerald, Aaron Froio, Olivia Hansen, Lane Hixson, Conor Joslin, Joseph Kenealy, Christopher Longo, Matthew Lund, Sophie Markowitz, Tyler Mulhern, Thomas Olson, Marcus Rowland, Lauren Scott, Dean Spicer, Diana Sturdy, Sophie Swartwood, Allison Tolosko and Sofia Whetstone.

GRADE 10

The following 10th-grade Cohasset students were named with first honors: Chase Bomeisler, Thomas Carrabes, Mary Crumley, Lauren Cunning, Maximilian Davis, Katarina Douglas-Blake, Brooke Driscoll, Jay Frederick, Samuel Gainey, Elle Hansen, Benjamin Healey, Makayla Kerivan, Jake Koncius, Emma Loft, Elizabeth Lydon, Sean McElhinney, Emily Moy, Sullivan Mulhern, Michael Nolan, William Osten, Kaitlyn Patterson, Cameron Pattison, Halle Pratt, Katherine Quigley, Deanna Rath, Lucy St. Sauveur, Andrew Sullivan, Samuel Sullivan, David Tierney and Lena Welch.

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The following 11th-grade Cohasset students were named with first honors: Connor Curran, John Curran, David DeYeso, James Farren, Audrey Hart, William Hoffman, Seth Hunnewell, Michael Iantosca, Eva Kearns, Christopher Kierce, Madeline Littlejohn, Mia Martone, Kaitlin McGovern, Aidan McHugh, Kara Nelson, Robert Oliver, Margot Robbins, Alexander Schubert, Madison Sheldon, Patrick Slater, Elizabeth Suzedell, Abigail Thomas, Amanda Vitello, Tamera Wright and Tayja Wright.

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The following 12th-grade Cohasset students were named with first honors: John Paul Adams, Samuel Arnold, William Broderick, Henry Butenschoen, Samantha Campedelli, John Clay, John Coffman, Brian Counihan, John Donohue, Jackson Dutton, Rebecca Fredey, Adam Game, Samuel Greenip, Levente Haber, Christian Hanke, Micaela Herth, Julia Klier, Helena Landquist, Matthew Legge, Grace Lucier, Sean Mavilia, Caelin McDonald, Alexander Norton, Luke Norton, Luke O'Brien, Callahan O'Neill, Maya Placek, Julia Richardson, Megan Rosano, Ryan Spicer, Raymond Tolosko, Daniel Toomey, Mysia Trojnor-Barron and Caroline VanEtten.

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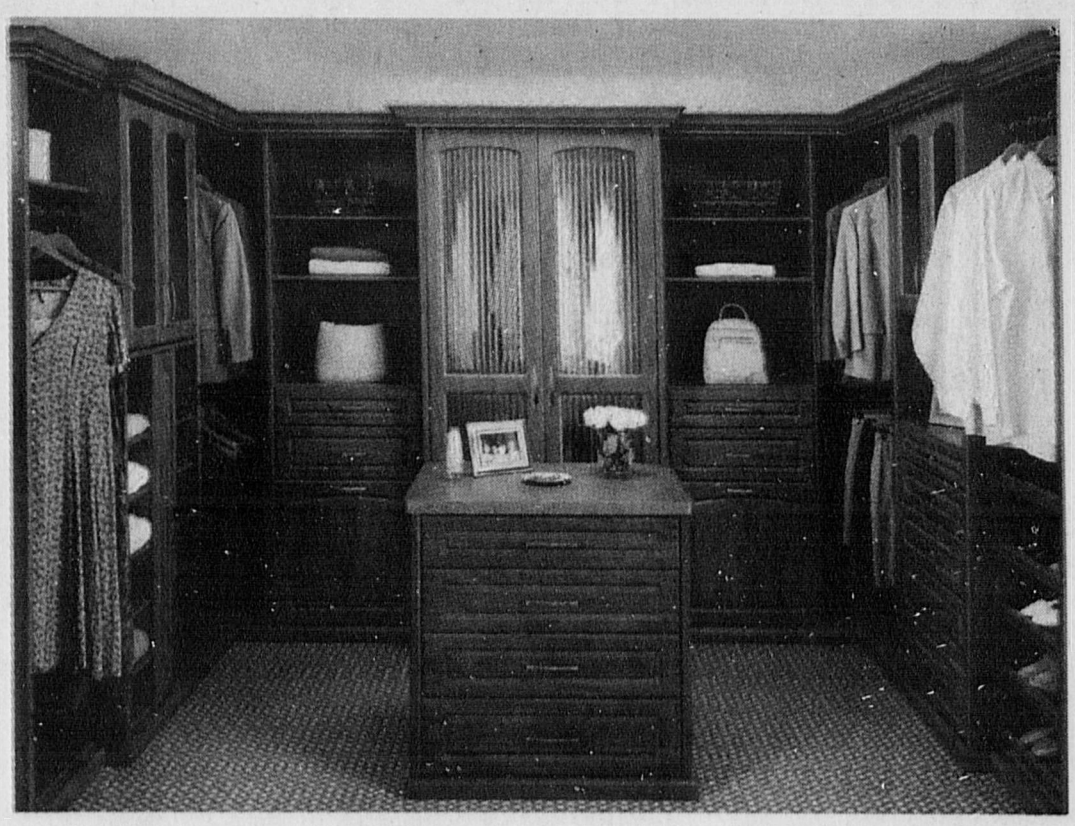

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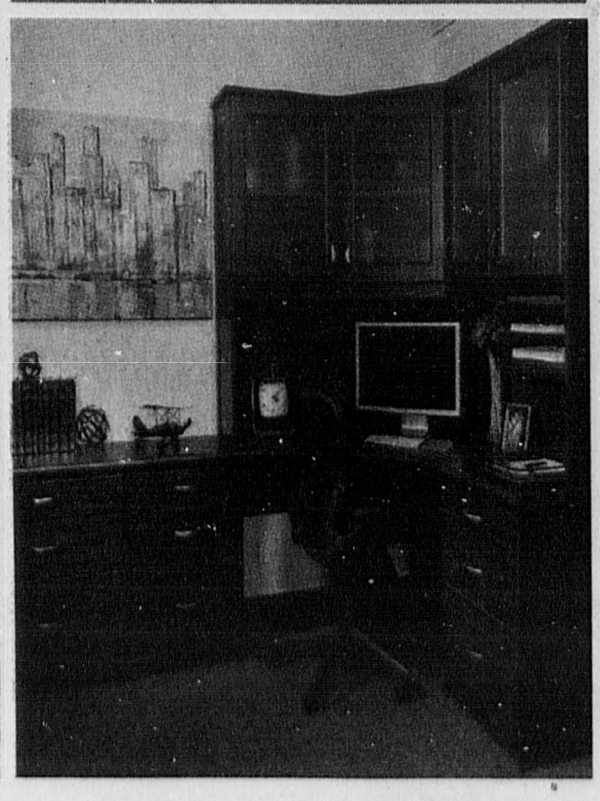

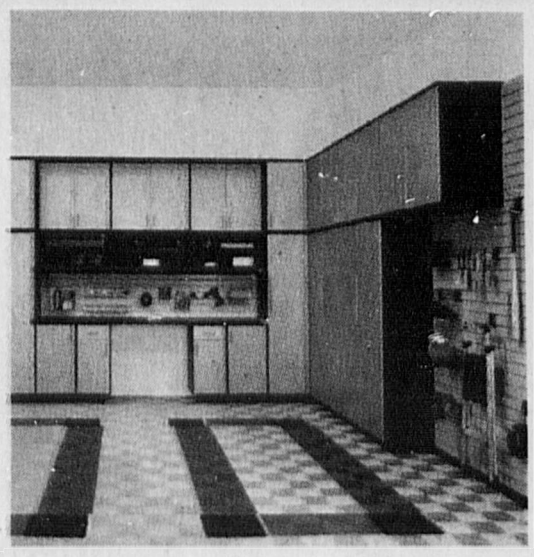

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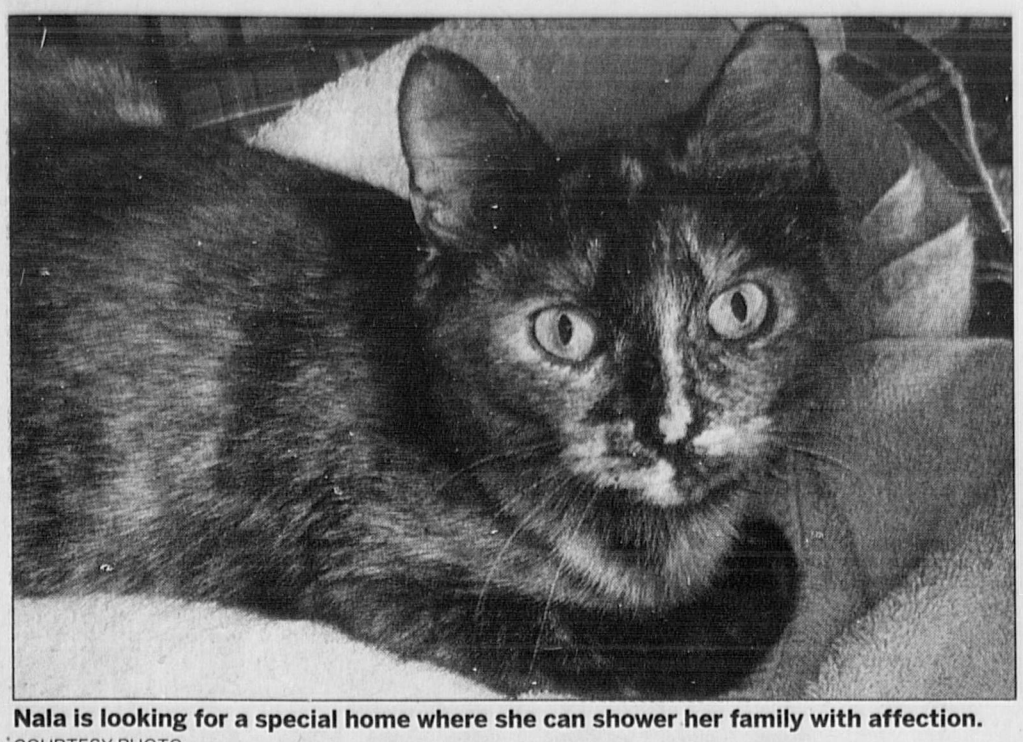

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Sweet Nala needs a special family

By Tammy Hatch

Meet Nala, a young at heart, playful 2-year-old black Tortie with a strong will and a mind all her own. Curious about anything and everything, Nala's restless spirit won't keep you second guessing about what it is she's bored with and what it is she wants to explore next. Dumped behind a medical center with her litter of 9 kittens, Nala not only managed her own survival, but kept each and every one of her kittens alive as well.

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Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

SATURDAY

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This evening of fun and conviviality will be led by trivia maven and Cohasset resident Charlotte Reel as quiz master. Create your own team or join a team at the American Legion, George Mealy Post #118, 98 Summer St. at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 30th. Scholarship contribution of $20 is requested. There will be a cash bar and bar snacks available.

This year marks the 15th year that the CDTC has had fund raisers for scholarship. Last spring's trivia night, which was a great success, was a first for the CDTC which has typically raised scholarship funds by running a yearly yard sale. This scholarship is available to any qualified student residing in Cohasset. The 2015 recipient of the Joseph P Walsh Scholarship was Cohasset High School student, Emily Curran. Please come join the fun for a worthy cause.

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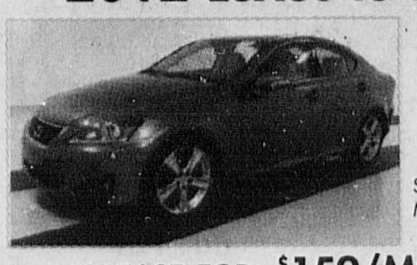
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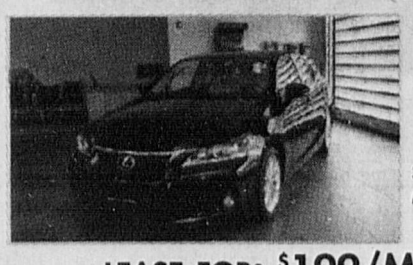
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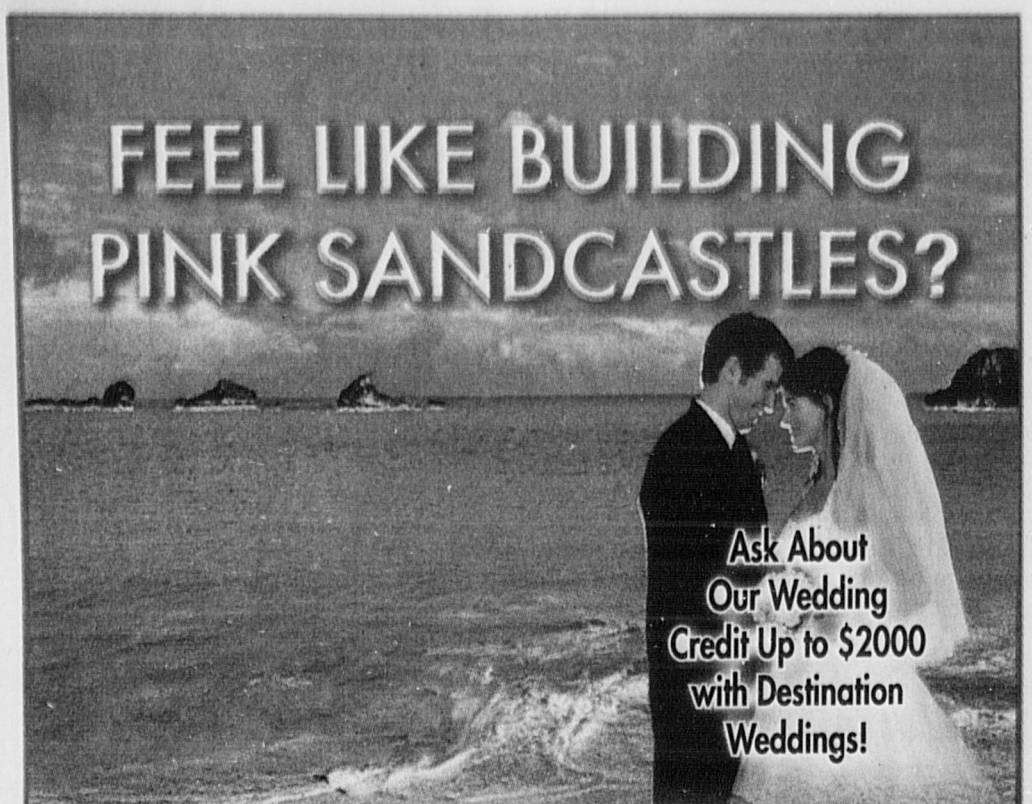

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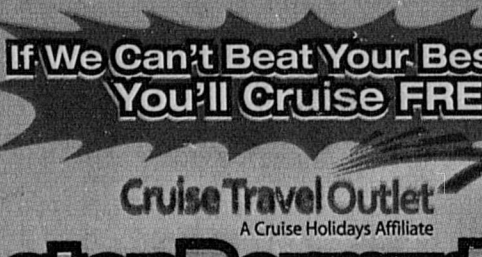

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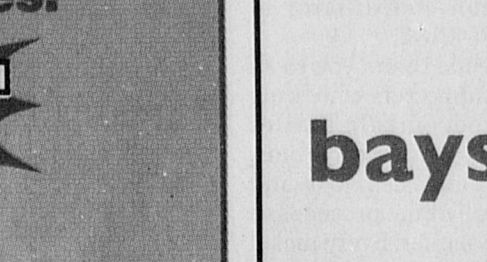

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Jannell Discount.....-1,981

BUY FOR $31,999
LEASE FOR ONLY $237 /per month 24 mos***
0% X 60 MONTHS AVAILABLE

2016 Ford Escape

#11075
ORIG. MSRP.....$24,485
Package Savings.....-490
Ford Rebate.....-1,450
FMCC.....-1,000
Jannell Discount.....-1,546

LEASE FOR ONLY $147 /per month 24 mos****

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2016 Ford Explorer 4WD
#11141

MSRP.....$34,990
Ford Rebate.....-1,450
"Eco" Bonus Cash.....-500
Jannell Discount.....-1,250

BUY FOR $31,790
LEASE FOR ONLY $287 /per month 36 mos****
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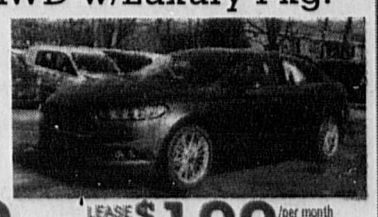

ORIG. MSRP.....$35,140
Package Savings.....-2,195
Ford Rebate.....-1,450
FMCC.....-1,000
Jannell Discount.....-1,755

BUY FOR $28,740
LEASE FOR ONLY $188 /per month 36 mos****
0% x 60 Months *PLUS* $1,000 Cash Back Available

2016 FOCUS ST's IN STOCK
2016 Ford Focus Hatchback SE
#10759

MSRP.....$20,085
Ford Rebate.....-1,000
FMCC.....-1,000
Jannell Discount.....-1,086

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LEASE FOR ONLY $117 /per month 36 mos****
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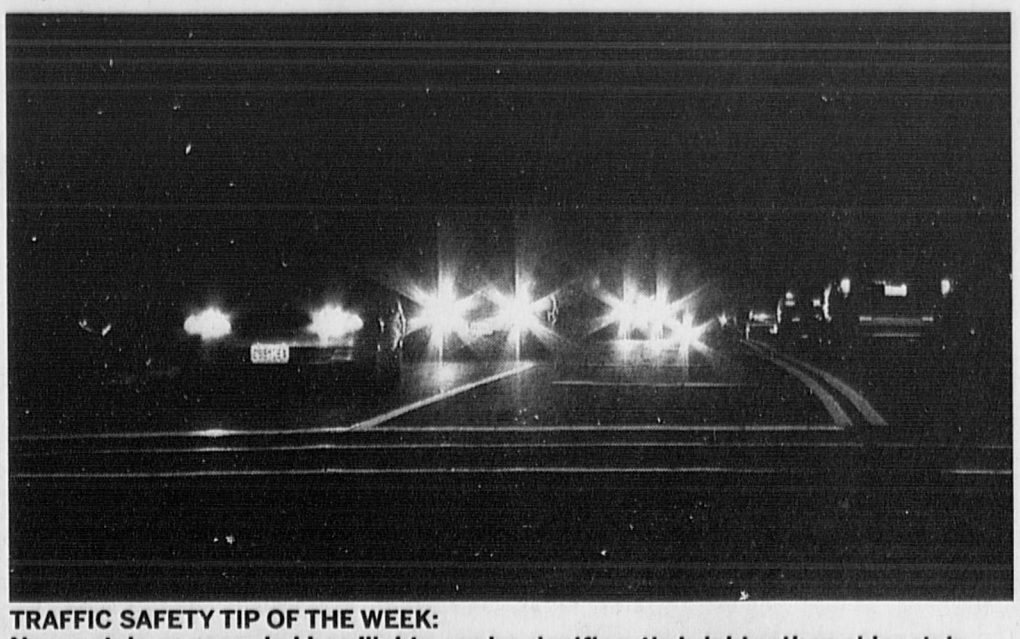
COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire Log, which is public record and available for review.



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK:
Newer style or upgraded headlights can be significantly brighter than older style headlights. However, they can create a blinding effect for oncoming drivers. Avoid looking directly into the headlights on oncoming vehicles. Try to keep your eyes on the right edge of the road as they pass by you. COURTESY PHOTO

Monday, April 18

1:59 a.m.: Caller reports he and two other parties will be losing lat at Red Lion Inn.
8:59 a.m.: Officer checking on disabled MV at CJC Hwy. and Ridge Top Road; vehicle behind it is the owner of the disabled MV who went home to get another car. Tow truck en route; no traffic hazard.
5:16 p.m.: A walk-in to the station reported having an issue with a customer who has been giving her and her staff a hard time. Subject's membership at the center had expired and was told the company would not be renewing it. Subject would reportedly not take no for an answer. A no-trespass order was issued.

Tuesday, April 19

6:05 a.m.: Officer on traffic patrol at Beechwood and Doane streets.
11:19 a.m.: Caller reports cars are backed up on 3A to Scituate from Stop & Shop. Cars making U-turns into opposite lanes.
12:51 p.m.: Street sign is broken and in the woods near the lights at the train station on CJC Hwy.
3:22 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on Lighthouse Lane. Party checked out OK.
5:59 p.m.: Officer conducting traffic enforcement at Cedar and Hull streets.

Wednesday, April 20

7:52 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported at Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway. A two-car accident was reported. Services were rendered.
10:48 a.m.: Motor vehicle stop at CJC Hwy. and Schofield Road, car towed, expired registration.
11:43 a.m.: Officer on directed patrol in the square.
1:04 p.m.: Harassment was reported on North Main Street. Situation was investigated.
2:31 p.m.: Officer on directed patrol in the square.

Thursday, April 21

7:04 a.m.: A traffic hazard was reported on Pleasant Street. Caller reported the train crossing signal not working correctly. Caller reported lights to be working, as well as the bell, but the gates were not down. Maintenance responded and gates were reset.
9 a.m.: Officer conducting traffic enforcement on Forest Avenue.
9:18 a.m.: An animal complaint was reported on Jerusalem Road. Caller reported a medium-size black dog running around the neighborhood. Caller stated they have never seen the dog in the area before.
9:38 a.m.: A burglary alarm was reported on Jerusalem Road. The house was checked and secured.
9:47 a.m.: An animal complaint was reported on Arrowwood Street. A German shepherd with no collar on his back deck. Caller is an elderly male and did not know which number to call. He let the dog go. Services were rendered.
10:10 a.m.: Officer on traffic post at CJC Hwy. and Pond St.
10:26 a.m.: Officer on traffic post near 814 CJC Hwy.
12:03 p.m.: Caller reported a lot of smoke behind their location on South Main Street. No flames were reported but caller could see white smoke. Services were rendered. Fire was a controlled permit burn.
3:38 p.m.: Caller stated that construction crew was dumping debris in her dumpster on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Officer reports speaking to the caller and there was no evidence as to who left the debris. Caller was advised that she should put a camera up.
10:09 p.m.: A noise complaint was reported on Linden Drive. Caller reported a large party behind his house was too noisy for him to sleep. Caller did not provide contact information and does not have an exact address, just stated he is on Linden Circle and the party is behind him on Linden Drive. Caller stated the party having a fire pit. Officers investigated the area and all was quiet.

Friday, April 22

7:50 a.m.: Well being check on a Howe Road resident; checks out, refused medical treatment.
9:46 a.m.: Parking enforcement on N. Main by the common; several tickets issued.
1:16 p.m.: Officer conducting traffic enforcement at N. Main St. and Red Gate Lane.
1:19 p.m.: MV stop at CJC Hwy. and Pond St., vehicle towed, expired registration, non-renewable.
2:13 p.m.: MV stop near 129 S. Main St., vehicle towed, expired registration, non-renewable.
2:19 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reported a grey van parked out back since she arrived at **8:30 a.m.** The back door and all the windows were open. Officers reported that the vehicle belonged to the owner of the dry cleaners.
6:21 p.m.: Officer out on traffic enforcement on Sohier Street.
8:10 p.m.: Property was found on Elm Street. Party turned in a white purse found at Sandy Beach.
9:04 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on Forest Avenue. Caller reported a vehicle parked in front of her house that took off quickly. Caller could not describe the vehicle other than it was a dark-colored sedan heading towards Black Rock. Caller reported the vehicle left when she picked up the phone to call 911. An area search turned up negative.

Saturday, April 23

1:26 a.m.: Officers reported an open door of a vehicle parked on Crocker Lane. Services were rendered. Car belonged to the cleaning crew wrapping up for the night.
9:42 a.m.: Caller says her car is out of gas on CJC Hwy. near Hingham Lumber.
12:28 p.m.: Caller reported that her car window was broken between **6 p.m.** and midnight on Hull Street. Services were rendered.
3:15 p.m.: Property damage was reported on Hugh Strain Road. Services were rendered.
5:43 p.m.: A burglary alarm was reported on Ripley Road. A hallway motion detector was activated. The building was checked and secured.
9:27 p.m.: A fire alarm was reported on Tower Lane. Services were rendered.
10:28 p.m.: A noise complaint was reported on Gammons Road. Caller reported hearing explosions outside. She reported her windows rattled and requested someone check the area. Caller called back and stated it was actually French doors upstairs slamming in the wind.

Sunday, April 24

8:50 a.m.: Parking complaint, vehicle in handicap spot on Avalon Drive.
11:25 a.m.: A suspicious person was reported on Jerusalem Road. Caller reported a woman lying in the back of the property. Caller wasn't sure if she was injured or just hanging out. Services were rendered.
11:36 a.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported at Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond Street. A two-car collision was reported, and one vehicle was left in the road. Air bags deployed and fluids were reportedly leaking. Services were rendered.
3:58 p.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on Doane Street. A group of teenagers were reportedly drinking, smoking and setting off fireworks in Wompatuck State Park. Subjects were gone upon officer arrival.
6:30 p.m.: Caller reported a customer reporting his vehicle being struck in the parking lot of a business on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reported he believed damage may be from a blue vehicle operated by an elderly couple. Situation was investigated.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Richard Conant

Richard Conant

SANTA PAULA, CA – Richard "Dick" Alden Conant of Santa Paula, CA passed away on Friday, April 22, 2016.

Born in Boston, MA in 1941, he attended Milton Academy and graduated from Cohasset High in 1958. He went on to study engineering and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1962. Richard had a long and productive career which included 21 years at California Eastern Laboratories.

Richard enjoyed travel, tennis, golf, hiking and sailing and, in his youth, mossing and hockey. He was a loving husband and father who was never too tired to answer questions about science or history, and astronomy in particular. He is predeceased by his parents, Neil R. Conant and Katherine Hays Conant.

He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Katherine (Jason) and son Richard (Katia), as well as brothers Neil (Co), Robert and Donald.

There will be a visitation / viewing at the Skillin-Carroll Mortuary Chapel on April 28, 2016 from 4-8 pm, with a Rosary at 7 pm. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 am on April 29, 2016 at Saint Sebastian's Church in Santa Paula, with a private burial to follow.

The family would like to thank Greenfield Care Center and Assisted Hospice for their kindness and excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Sebastian's School (325 E Santa Barbara St., Santa Paula, CA 93060).

"For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains"

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC MEETING

LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 607345

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet Replacement project in Cohasset, MA.

WHERE: Wilcutt Commons
Cohasset Senior Center
90 Sohier Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet Replacement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet in its present location with improvements to the approach roadway. The roadway will be closed during construction and traffic detoured. Shared use accommodations consisting of a wide travel lane with shared lane markings have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Cohasset is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands.

Plans will be on display one-half hour before the meeting begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Informational Meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 607345. Such submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/

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O'CONNELL ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

Docket No. NO14P1532PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of:
Elizabeth O'Connell

Of: Cohasset, MA

Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 1st annual account(s) of Josseph F O'Connell, III of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/18/2016**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. John D Casey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 13, 2016
Patrick W McDermott
Register of Probate

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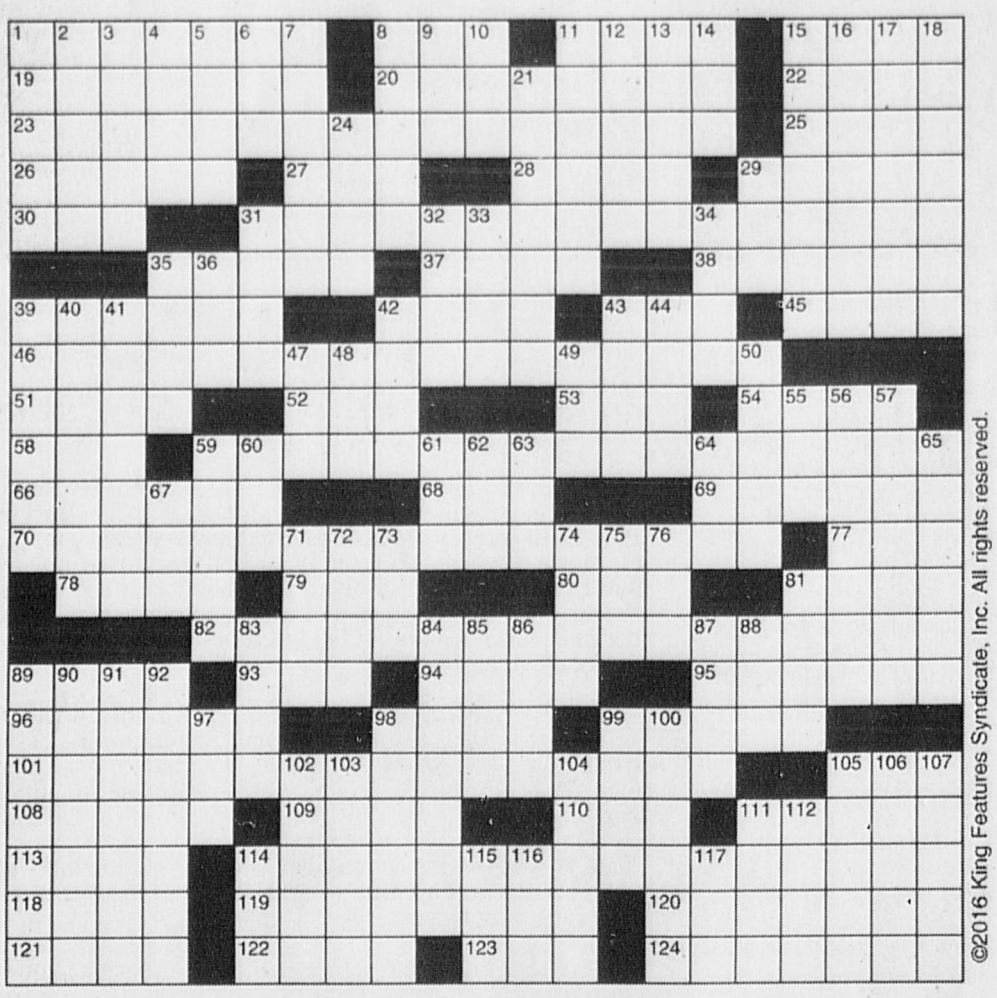
PUZZLES

Crossword • BIG MIX-UPS



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ACROSS
1 Place a call incorrectly
8 "Alley —!"
11 — toe in the water
15 Spat
19 1979 Michael Caine film
20 Sergeant's inferior
22 Arab leader
23 Had a different opinion
25 Court plea, for short
26 "— the Greek" (1964 film)
27 Average mark
28 French department
29 Ax parts
30 Mel of the old Giants
31 1954 hit song with a biblical title
35 Cyberspace letters
37 Sigh of satisfaction
38 Lott of football
39 Valued highly
42 "The Thing" star Russell
43 Lose vigor
45 Ship out
46 Career-completion celebrations
51 Canadian station name
52 Spanish arena cry
53 A — (slightly)
54 Haughtiness
58 "So it's you!"
59 Bank offering for creditworthy customers
66 Focuses in college
68 Kochi sash
69 Quarterback Troy
70 Like some high-quality models
77 "I'm cold!"
78 Bidding site
79 180 degrees from SSE
80 — Lingus
81 Film director Kazan
82 Formation of new areas of oceanic crust
89 Mane locale
93 In the past
94 Minimal tide type
95 Sudden pain
96 Oblong pastry
98 Bards' dusks
99 Weight revealer
101 Trainers looking for pins
105 Clumsy ship
108 Ticket details
109 Regular pay
110 Stable scrap
111 "Along — spider ..."
113 With 11-Down, settled for
114 Takes a defensive position
118 New — (Enya type)
119 Kiss
120 Divert
121 Actors Beatty and Sparks
122 Bodega, e.g.
123 Profs' helpers
124 Any of four long pairs featured in this puzzle

DOWN
1 Seder bread
2 "— the Sheriff"
3 Terse
4 Paint crudely
5 Sitcom actress Swenson
6 NCAA part: Abbr.
7 Nutlike Chinese fruit
8 Band of eight
9 Sound of awe
10 Med lead-in
11 See 113-Across
12 Dubliners, e.g.
13 1990s Toyota
14 Bar brew
15 Bone attachments
16 Coca of comedy
17 Enters one following another
18 Iced
21 Like some even distributions
24 Eye, to Yves
29 Inflated self
31 Walk in shallow water
32 — monde (high society)
33 Old West's Wyatt
34 Hankering
35 Italian opera singer Pinza
36 Debussy's "La —"
39 Piece of audiophile equipment, briefly
40 Divvy up again
41 "This pays the rent, at least"
42 Leg part
43 Sirius, say
44 Adjutant
47 "Li'l ol' me?!"
48 Shade tree
49 Artery: Abbr.
50 Composer Erik
55 Nettle
56 "— Rose" (Nat King Cole hit)
57 Eyeballing
59 Victimizes, with "on"
60 Blog feed inits.
61 Electrojet bit
62 Heat's org.
63 Up to, informally
64 Downcast
65 Anger greatly
67 One — kind
71 Hose hitch
72 Lowdown
73 Barn hooter
74 Shocked reaction
75 Sales staffer
76 Opp. of departure
81 Falco of "Oz"
83 English peer
84 Amoeba composition
85 Wine: Prefix
86 Tabula —
87 Greek vowels
88 Pointed tool
89 Ted Koppel, for one
90 Area of a plot of land
91 Petitioned
92 Events after Lents
97 Cheez- — (crackers)
98 Breakfast china item
99 Old Iranian VIP
100 Et — (and so forth)
102 "In my dreams!"
103 Stupor: Prefix
104 Fowl sheds
105 "My Cherie —"
106 Oscar de la —
107 Casey of countdowns
111 Irene of "Fame"
112 Awestruck
114 Trig function
115 Have chow
116 RR depot
117 — Ho Lee (scientist in 2000 headlines)

Sudoku

	5			9		2		
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9	8				7		1	
		4			3	8		
	6			8				1
3			1				5	
4					5			7
		5	9			4		
	3			7			6	

Level: Challenging

Here's How it Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze • MAN OF –

D L I G D B Y W T R P M K I F
D B Y W U E A S Q O T M S K I
F D B S C Z C X L H W U R S H
Q O N A D L T N E M O M E H T
J H E W H R I W E F D D T E O
C P A G A C O Y T I R W T V L
T S Q P A R N W S O R U E N C
L K I H L R T A W N P E L F E
E C B D Z Y U S M E A W P V H
U S R Q P N I O R A F E M X T
L R O N O H J I C H L F M E E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Action	His word	Peace	The cloth
Courage	Honor	Repute	The moment
Experience	La Mancha	Steel	The world
Few words	Letters	Straw	

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HOROSCOPE

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal — just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called mystery situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

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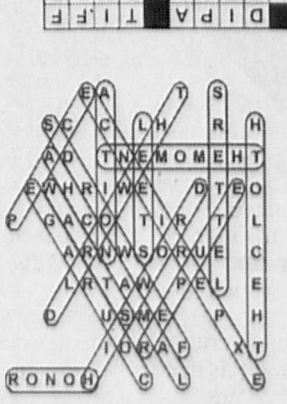

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CALENDAR

HOW TO SUBMIT

Event information can be input online by following the directions at the bottom of this page, sent by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com or sent by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Photos should be a jpeg with a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3X5 inches in size. For more information call 508-591-6623.

Nancy Sargent Howell art exhibit through May 1

WHEN: Now through Sunday, May 1
WHAT: Paintings by Nancy Sargent Howell and her students on display at South Shore Natural Science Center
INFO: Paintings by Nancy Sargent Howell and her students are on display through May 1 at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Howell is a past president of the New England Watercolor Society and the North River Arts Society and a past vice-president of the Copley Society of Art. She is a member of Expressions, an artist's cooperative gallery in Scituate Harbor. She lives in and has her studio on Third Cliff in Scituate.
FOR INFORMATION: 781-659-2559, southshorenaturalsciencecenter.org.

'Fly Me to the Moon' concert takes off April 30

WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 30
WHAT: Duxbury Music Festival preview concert at Marshfield Airport
INFO: "Fly Me to the Moon," a Duxbury Music Festival preview concert, will be held at the Marshfield Airport in the Penmor hangar, 93 Old Colony Lane, Marshfield. All performers are associated with Duxbury Music Festival or on faculty at South Shore Conservatory. Wine and charcuterie will be served throughout the cabaret style concert and guests are welcome to dance. Guests are to wear soft soled shoes only, no heels, to protect the radiant floor. Tickets are $50 per person or $350 for a table of eight.
FOR INFORMATION: 781-749-7565, ext. 19, www.duxburymusicfestival.org.

'Double Visions' display opens May 8

WHEN: May 8-Sept. 4
WHAT: "Double Visions" art display at Art Complex Museum
INFO: "Double Visions" will be on display at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, an exhibit of new work by artists already included in the museum collection. In addition, these artists have been asked to invite an artist of their own choosing. The only condition stipulated for this invitation is that these artists should never have shown at the museum.
FOR INFORMATION: 781-934-6634, www.artcomplex.org.

CALENDAR

Send your event information by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com. Listings information must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Please include the time, date, location, street address and town of the event. If possible, provide a contact phone number and website.

Friday, April 29

"Hearts and Hammers" annual Habitat for Humanity spring gala: 6 p.m. at the 1620 Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth. Features include dinner, live music, silent and live auctions and raffles. Live music by Brandy, a Boston area band. Tickets are $60 each. The price is $450 for a full table seating 10 people. Visit www.hfhplymouth.org or call the office at 508-866-4188.

"A Chorus Line": 7 p.m., Rockland High School, 52 MacKinlay Way, Rockland. Rockland High School Music Department along with the Rockland High School Theater Guild will present their annual spring musical in the high school auditorium. Parental discretion is advised. Not suitable for young audiences. Tickets can be purchased for $8 at the door or for $6 online at showtix4u.com.

Mike Garvey Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Comedy Night: 9 p.m., Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington St., Hanover. Featuring Tom Gilmore, Annette, James Corbett and Steve Halligan. Hosted by Jerry Thornton. Arrive early (call first for reservation) for meal or appetizers. Show (cash only) $20 cover charge. Call 781-826-8868.

Saturday, April 30

Spring artisan and craft fair: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. More than 25 artisans will be offering unique handmade specialties including fine art, jewelry, quilts, clothing, home decor, journals and greeting cards and some sweet treats. Admission is free and each artisan has donated a raffle item with all raffle proceeds going to the library. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Hope Floats Memory Walk: 10 a.m., 4 Elm St., Kingston. Registration starts 8:30 a.m. and is $25 for adults; $15 for youths 12-18. Children under 12 free. The 3.5-mile walk through Kingston Center and along the Jones River begins about 10:15 a.m., followed by a free lunch on the lawn. The community event helps provide free bereavement supports and wellness services for adults and families throughout the South Shore and Cape Cod. For information: 781-585-3868, www.hopefloatswellness.com.

Photo exhibit: Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. "Cuba, 2013," photographs by Nelson Ross, Barbara Ross & Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, opens today in the library's Dolphin Gallery. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Empty Bowls event: noon to 3 p.m., Local Pottery, 376 Washington St., Norwell. Pay $20 for one bowl or $30 for two bowls. Decorate it with stamps, carving or sculpted additions. It will be glazed and fired and the money will go to South Shore Community Action Council's Food Distribution Center. For information: 781-987-1230, www.localpottery.com.

French pastry lesson: 6 p.m., Trinity Church, 3 Goddard Ave., Rockland. Jeff Long of "We Knead Fun" will demonstrate how to make the French pastry pate-au-chou. Beverages and finger food will be provided to sustain participants as they learn the secrets of pate-au-chou, pastry cream and more. Reservations are $20 for the class, refreshments, recipes and fun and must be made in advance. For information: 781-871-0096, clergy@trinityrockland.org.

"Fly Me to the Moon," a Duxbury Music Festival preview concert: 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Marshfield Airport in the Penmor hangar, 93 Old Colony Lane, Marshfield. All performers are associated with Duxbury Music Festival or on faculty at South Shore Conservatory. Wine and charcuterie will be served throughout the cabaret style concert and guests are welcome to dance. Guests are to wear soft soled shoes only, no heels, to protect the radiant floor. Tickets are $50 per person or $350 for a table of eight. For information: 781-749-7565, ext. 19, www.duxburymusicfestival.org.

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Atlantic Symphony Orchestra season finale: 7:30 p.m., Thayer Academy's Center for the Arts, 745 Washington St., Braintree. The ASO will perform "Pops! Symphonic Showcase," designed to be an evening of audience favorites that strike a familiar chord and lift the spirit. Guests are invited to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-concert reception with bar selections available through the generosity of Bin Ends Wine. Tickets are $45/adults; $40/seniors; $20/under20. Tickets online or at the door. For information: 781-331-3600, www.atlantic-symphony.org.

Groove Doctors: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

The Gratefuls will perform: 9 p.m., C-Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Proceeds to benefit Alzheimer's research. Members of the band are Scituate and Cohasset musicians and have been making music around the South Shore for nearly 25 years. There will be a handful of prizes raffled off during the night. If you would like to make a donation but cannot attend, contact Patty Smith at patty@smithharveyassociates.com. For information: 781-925-4300, www.cnote-hull.com.

Sunday, May 1

May Day Spring Boutique: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hingham High School, 17 Union St., Hingham. This fundraising event will host a fun, seasonal product mix from flowers ready to plant, planting workshops by DeVaughn's Ridge, to coastal themed totes, jewelry and home décor. An event fee of $2 will be collected at the door. A portion of the proceeds from this community event support The PMC South Shore Kids Ride. For information: 781-740-8451, llavieri@hotmail.com.

Spring Hatch celebration: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dalby Farm, 59 Grove St., Scituate. Take a guided general animal tour and visit with the rare farm breeds that live on the farm. Meet the new baby chicks, ducks and goslings. After your tour, stop by the craft room for some children's activities. While you're there, swing into the Country Store and do some Mother's Day shopping. Tour times are 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Charge is $4.50 per person. Preregistration is a must. To preregister, email dalbyfarm@comcast.net. For information: 781-545-4952, www.dalbyfarm.com.

Webster Estate guided tours: 1-4 p.m., Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. Led by a docent, view 14 rooms of the 1880 Queen Anne-style Victorian mansion and listen to details of the house and the history of Daniel Webster and this estate he called Green Harbor. Free admission but donations gratefully accepted. For information: 781-834-0548, www.danielwebsterestate.org.

Think Spring celebration: 1-3 p.m., Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Enjoy good food, an exploratory walk, fun with the farm animals, possible hayride and music. All are welcome. Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For information: 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.

Classic jazz: 3 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Hingham Public Library and Boston Classical Guitar Society present oboist Margaret Herlehy and jazz guitarist David Newsam. The duo's newly released album, Café 1930, is the first ever Brazilian/jazz album for oboe and guitar. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Joyful Voices of Inspiration concert: 3 p.m., First Congregational Church, at 12 Church St., Rockland. The community gospel choir from Boston will perform as part of the church "Concerts on the Hill" series. The choir celebrates and loves to share the joy, power and "good news" message of gospel music. The concert is funded in part by the Rockland Cultural Council/MCC. Tickets are $10 at the door. For information call Janet: 781-878-0060.

Duo Sonidos will perform: 4 p.m., Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Adam Levin and William Knuth have been performing together since 2006. They have taken the guitar and the violin not only to the great concert stages around the world but also to uncommon territories such as hospitals and underserved education programs. Works included in the program are "Funk" by Jorge Muniz, written for the duo, and "Selections from Porgy and Bess" by George Gershwin and Jascha Heifetz. For information: 781-934-6634 www.artcomplex.org.

Bach Meets the Beatles concert: 4:30 p.m., at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham. Performed by Choral Art Society of the South Shore. The wearing of Beatles T-shirts or attire is encouraged. Bach T-shirts welcomed, too. Tickets are $20 for general admission and $18 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased online at www.choralartsociety.org, at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Carousels & Ships in Hull, CreYo Frozen Yogurt in Scituate, Mano Mano in Marshfield and at the door. For information: 781-500-0021, www.choralartsociety.org.

Monday, May 2

NAMI caregivers support group: 6-7:30 p.m., Vinfen's office, 5 Finnell Drive, Weymouth, presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness. A caregivers support group for those who have loved ones living with mental illness. Facilitators guide the group offering advice and support. Group meets the first and third Monday each month (except legal holidays - meet on Tuesday following holiday). For information: namisouthshore@gmail.com.

Photography exhibit reception: 6-8 p.m., Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. The Hingham Library's Clemens Gallery will host Jeff Thiebauth's "Noteworthy: Rock, Blues, Jazz" black and white photography, capturing moments in music performance history, from April 30 to May 26. All are welcome to tonight's reception. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore meeting: 7 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Monroe on "Designs with Vines." Learn creative uses for a variety of ornamental vines, both annual and perennial. Visitors are always welcome. For information: www.perennial-gardeners.org.

IACO meeting: 7 p.m., Grove Manor, 160 Grove St., Braintree, rear building. The Italian-American Cultural Organization of the South Shore is an Italian culture group that fosters a greater awareness about the Italian culture, based on the South Shore of Massachusetts. Guest speaker will be Pamela Donnaruma, publisher and editor of the Post-Gazette. General public and visitors are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For information: www.southshoreiaco.com.

Tuesday, May 3

Women's Fellowship breakfast: 6-9:30 a.m., First Congregational Church of Rockland, 12 Church St., Rockland. Menu includes juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, baked beans, muffins, coffee, tea or milk. Cost is $6.50 for adults, $3 for children 10 and under. Takeout is $5. This is the 153rd annual breakfast. The women of the church originally held this breakfast to raise money to pay for bandages for Civil War soldiers injured in battle. For information: www.firstchurchrockland.org.

Nonfiction Book Group meeting: 6-7:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Book to read: "Mud Season" by Ellen Stimson. The group meets meet the first Tuesday of every month in the library's historical room. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

"Hollywood: Wild West to Movie Mecca": 7 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Award-winning storyteller Anne Barrett will discuss how Hollywood evolved from a barren landscape to a prosperous, conservative community, to a glittering movie mecca full of glamorous film stars and eye-popping scandal. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Thursday, May 5

Arts Festival: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Second Parish Church, 685 Main St., Hingham. Open May 5 through 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Local art for sale, music, wine tasting and more. All events free except the May 7 concert at 7 p.m.; tickets $20 at the door or $15 in advance at the church. For information: 781-749-1671, second parish@yahoo.com.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Here are some tips on getting your event information posted to the Wicked Local calendar and included in this regional calendar:
REGISTER: Find the Events Calendar on your Wicked Local homepage in the bottom right portion on the website and click on the Add Event button. Click the Register link in the top right hand corner of your calendar page, above Add Event. Enter an email address, first name, last name, password, and password confirmation. Once you click "Register," a verification email will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Be sure to confirm your account through that email to complete the process. Once registered, you will have the ability to add events.
ADD AN EVENT: Click the Add Event button. Fill in required fields such as event title, date, time, category, and venue. Events may be set up to repeat daily, weekly, monthly, or by manually adding additional dates.
ADDITIONAL NOTES:
- The more detail the better in the event description field and there is a section to provide optional contact information.
- Categories are important for tagging events with discoverable search terms and eases a visitor's ability to find the type of events they are looking to attend. An event can have multiple categories.
- Events must be matched to a known venue. You can also add a new venue if your venue is not listed.
- Events are subject to review before appearing on the site.

IMAGES: Make sure to include an image with your event. Events with images command three times the attention than those without. EvieSays uses a simple image uploader with options to drag and drop or browse, so adding images to your event is easy.

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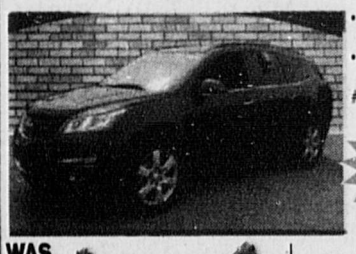

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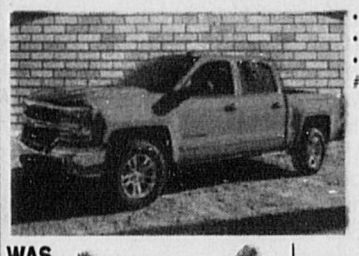

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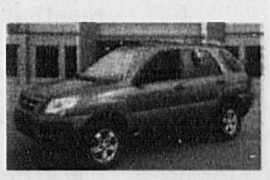

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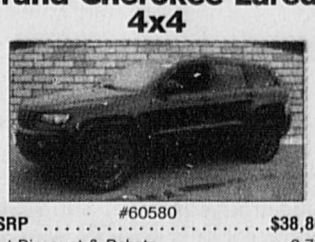

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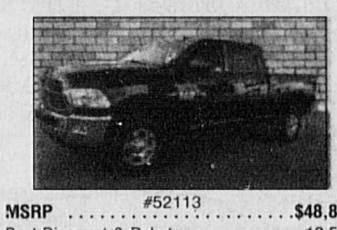

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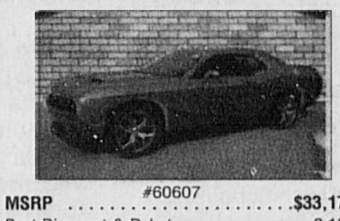

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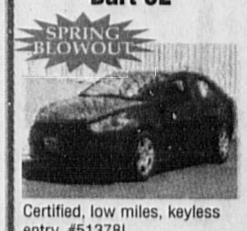

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